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The Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

2004
Annual Report

From an Eagle's View

Have you ever wondered what it's like to fly free,
To see the world as far as the eye can see,
To view the surroundings from high and from low,
To hear only the sound of a distant echo,
To float in the air with the wind being your guide,
To admire many rainbows that the trees tend to hide,
To see the misty mornings over a beautiful mountaintop,
To glide over a flowing river that never seems to stop,
To watch the animals from over a mile away,
Or to rise above the treetops that glisten in the day?
If you were an eagle you would wonder no more,
For it can see things you have never seen before.
Next time you look into the sky of blue,
Think of what it's like from an eagle's view.

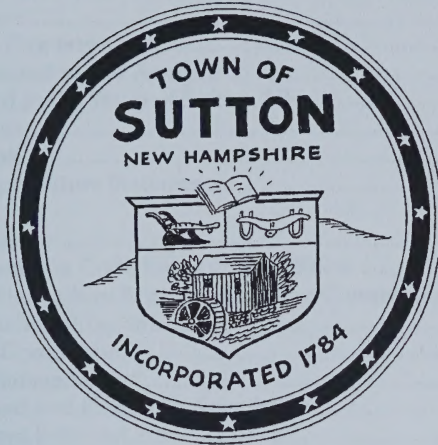
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This year's Town Report cover features Kezar Lake's bald eagle in residence. For those who enjoy the beautiful three-mile walk around the Lake, remember to look toward the sky and you may have the good fortune of spotting Sutton's eagle. Our cover photograph credit goes to Sutton resident and State Representative, Ricia McMahon. We thank Ricia for her willingness to serve as our Representative and know that she will keep her 'eagle-eye' on legislation that affects our community.

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Annual Report and Vital Statistics

for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

Population (NHOSP 2003)..... estimated 1,686

Registered Voters1,406

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Sutton Directory

Emergency Numbers

Police Department (<i>non-emergency</i> 927-4422)	911
Fire (<i>non-emergency</i> 927-4740)	927-4233 or 911
Sutton Rescue Squad (<i>New London Ambulance</i>)	911
Bradford Rescue Squad	911

Other Information

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – Janet E. Haines	927-4575
<i>P.O. Box 487, No. Sutton, NH 03260</i>	
<i>Mon. Noon–6 p.m., Tues. 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Wed., Thurs., 8 a.m.–4 p.m.;</i>	
<i>Last Sat. of the month 9 a.m.–Noon</i>	
SELECTMEN’S OFFICE – Elly Phillips and Jen Call	927-4416
<i>P.O. Box 487, No. Sutton, NH 03260</i>	
<i>Mon., Wed., & Fri., 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. – Closed 12:30–1:00 for lunch</i>	
SELECTMEN’S MEETINGS – Mondays at 4:30 p.m.	
<i>All items for the agenda must be submitted to the Selectmen’s Office</i>	
<i>by noon the Wednesday before. Appointments only at meetings.</i>	
BUILDING INSPECTOR – Richard “Buzz” Call	927-4080
CONSERVATION COMMISSION – Leslie Enroth	927-4569
<i>Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.</i>	
FIRE WARDEN – Pete Thompson	927-4440
HEALTH OFFICER – Barbara MacDonald	927-4930
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Paul Parker, Road Agent	927-4411
SOLID WASTE—TRANSFER/RECYCLING – Walter Simonds	927-4475
<i>Tues., Noon–5 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.–4 p.m.</i>	
LIBRARY – Jeanette Couch, Librarian	927-4927
<i>Mon., 1–4 p.m.; Wed., 1–4 p.m. & 7–9 p.m.;</i>	
<i>Fri., 7–9 p.m., Sat., 1–4 p.m.</i>	
<i>Trustees meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.</i>	
PLANNING BOARD – Steve Enroth, Applications Secretary	927-4569
<i>P.O. Box 159, No. Sutton, NH 03260</i>	
<i>The Board Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.</i>	
<i>By Appointment Only</i>	
WELFARE OVERSEER – Courtney Haase	927-4176
ZONING BOARD	927-4416
<i>c/o Town of Sutton, PO Box 487, No. Sutton, NH 03260</i>	
<i>Hearings held the last Wednesday of the month. Applications must</i>	
<i>be received by the secretary on or before the 1st of the month.</i>	

Town Officers/Employees

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004

** Is an elected position*

MODERATOR*

Gregory Gill Term Expires 2006

SELECTMEN*

Philip E. Buteau Term Expires 2006

William Curless, Chair Term Expires 2005

Robert Wright, Jr. Term Expires 2007

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Elly Phillips

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

Jennifer A. Call

TREASURER*

Karin Heffernan Term Expires 2005

DEPUTY TREASURER

Charlie Whitemore

TOWN CLERK*

Janet E. Haines Term Expires 2007

DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS

Mary Kay Huntoon and Irene Duquette

TAX COLLECTOR*

Janet E. Haines Term Expires 2007

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTORS

Mary Kay Huntoon and Irene Duquette

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Paul Parker, Road Agent

Stephen Bagley; John Csutor; Glenn Kirby, Dennis Stevens

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Patrick Tighe Sergeant John Sims, Jr.

Officer Jon Korbett

Philip Buteau; Robert D. Nelson; Heather McCarthy, Secretary

SOLID WASTE TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

Walter Simonds Herman Foster, Alec McKinnon,
Gordon Manning, Richard Goddard

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE*

Courtney E. Haase Term Expires 2005

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Richard "Buzz" Call

HEALTH OFFICER

Barbara McDonald
David Burnham, Deputy Health Officer

LIBRARIAN

Jeanette R. Couch

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Vickie Simonds and Jack Dyer

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS*

John F. Biewener Term Expires 2006
Isabel Malan Term Expires 2005
Barbara Burns Term Expires 2007

BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Lynn King Term Expires 2006
Norm Forand Term Expires 2005
Jack E. Paige Term Expires 2005
Robert Nelson, Chair Term Expires 2007
Paul Little Term Expires 2007
Philip Buteau, Ex-Officio Term Expires 2005
Christine Nelson, Secretary

PLANNING BOARD

Stephen Enroth, Applications Secretary Term Expires 2006
Daniel Sundquist , Chair Term Expires 2006
John Csutor Term Expires 2007
Naia Conrad Term Expires 2005
Carol Rowe, Alternate Term Expires 2005
John Sullivan Term Expires 2005
Robert White Term Expires 2007
Joseph Burns, Alternate Term Expires 2006
Marnee Saltalamacchia, Alternate and Secretary Term Expires 2007
Robert Wright, Jr., Ex-Officio Term Expires 2005 .

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Andrew Supplee, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
Kevin Carr, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
Doug Sweet	Term Expires 2005
Dane Headley	Term Expires 2005
Derek Lick, Alternate	Term Expires 2005
Ed Canane	Term Expires 2006
Thomas Brooks	Term Expires 2007
William Hallahan, Chair	Term Expires 2007

CEMETERY COMMISSION*

Carroll L. Thompson	Term Expires 2006
Darrel Palmer	Term Expires 2005
Corbert Cochran	Term Expires 2007

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Margaret A. Forand	Term Expires 2006
Elizabeth Forsham	Term Expires 2008
Marilyn Thompson, Chair	Term Expires 2010

TRUSTEES, SUTTON FREE LIBRARY*

Faye Pugliese	Term Expires 2006
Judy Bohn	Term Expires 2006
Kathy Chadwick, Chair	Term Expires 2005
Rebecca Harrington	Term Expires 2005
Carrie Thomas	Term Expires 2007
Elizabeth Cernek	Term Expires 2007

TRUSTEES, OLD STORE MUSEUM

Shiela Wilcox, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
Frederic Pratt	Term Expires 2006
Marsha Harrison	Term Expires 2006
George G. Wells	Term Expires 2005
Donald Davis, Jr.	Term Expires 2007
Robert O'Neil	Term Expires 2007

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Don Davis	Term Expires 2006
Jean LaChance	Term Expires 2006
Elizabeth Forsham, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2005
Leon Malan , Alternate	Term Expires 2005
Leslie Enroth, Co-Chair	Term Expires 2005
Jack Noon, Alternate	Term Expires 2005
George Wells	Term Expires 2007
Charles Whittemore	Term Expires 2007
William I. Curless, Ex Officio	Term Expires 2005
Tim Davis, Alternate	Term Expires 2005

ROAD COMMITTEE

Douglas Sweet, Chair Paul Parker, Road Agent
Peter Blakeman Carroll Thompson
Alexander McKinnon

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Matthew Grimes

SUPERVISOR – HIGHWAY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Charles F. Whittemore

SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD SCHOOL BOARD*

Emilio Cancio-Bello Term Expires 2007

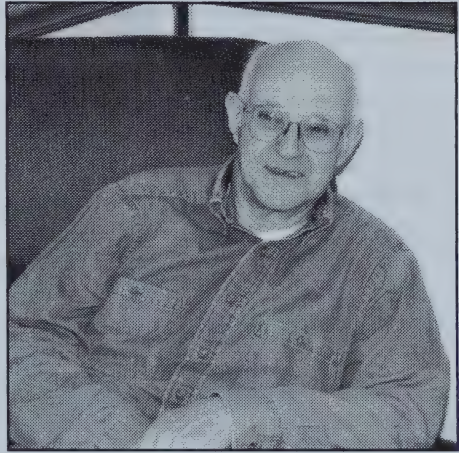
SUTTON REPRESENTATIVE TO KRSD BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Robert "Bud" Nelson Term Expires 2007

Report from the Round Room 2004

As you may recall, last year we set in motion the custom of acknowledging citizens whose contributions to the Town of Sutton are noteworthy. This year we would like to recognize Charles Whittemore for community service. By way of background, Charlie was born and raised in nearby New London, New Hampshire. He married his high school sweetheart Elizabeth (Betty) Call on May 20, 1951 and moved to Betty's hometown of Sutton after returning from military service during the Korean conflict. Charlie and Betty have three children, Audrey, Robin and Barry.

Charlie has served this community as a Selectman and Planning and Zoning Board Member. As a matter of fact, he was a member of the Planning Board when Sutton's first Zoning Ordinance was adopted. He has held a seat on the Budget, Bicentennial, and Accessibility Committees and served as Cemetery



Commissioner. For many, many years Charlie held the post of Deputy Treasurer and Treasurer and currently sits on the Conservation Commission.

One of this versatile volunteer's favorite civic activities is to represent Sutton as a town 'perambulator'. Perambulation is a little known governmental activity that requires that every seven years two adjoining towns walk the lines in order to re-establish the boundaries. The protocol is that the younger town asks the older town to set up a date to walk the lines and date the monuments that mark them. Following this narrative we treat you to Jack Noon's account of Sutton's (then known as Perrystown) first perambulation and photos from the 2004 perambulation of the Sutton/New London Town line which Jack and Charlie both participated in.

Highlights of 2004

This year the Selectmen's office started off by doing a little housekeeping in preparation for Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) certification which is scheduled for 2005. Certification is a state-wide

effort to standardize property recordkeeping. Our first task was to change our property files from alphabetical to numerical order (by map and lot). This logical change has been under consideration for many years, but other tasks (any other task) always seemed to take precedence. Our second job was to tidy up the records room behind the stage. Marjorie Friel, former Town Clerk/Tax Collector, spearheaded this effort, and we were grateful indeed for her extensive municipal experience and strong organization skills during the completion of this mammoth project.

Under the leadership of Paul Parker, the Sutton Highway Department continues to do an outstanding job of maintaining Sutton roads. Among other projects, the Highway Department completed upgrades on Johnson Hill and Camp Kemah Roads. The new Sterling dump truck that we acquired this year certainly was a big help to the crew. The expertise and professionalism of Sutton's road crew is a source of pride for Sutton property owners and residents. Paul, Dennis, John, Steve and Glenn are to be commended for their strong work ethic and dedication to this community.

The Sutton Police Department continued to work toward first level CALEA certification. CALEA stands for the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. CALEA sets national standards for police operating procedures. Successful accreditation in this program will minimize the potential for lawsuits and forestall many liability issues. We salute Chief Tighe and his department for their dedication to the pursuit of excellence in public safety.

Speaking of dedication – Sutton's volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad are ready to respond to an emergency at a moment's notice; at times, placing their own lives on the line in order to help others in need. The Sutton Rescue Squad had many opportunities to use their new rescue vehicle this year. Also new in 2004 was the implementation of the Sutton Rescue Squad and Fire Department cadet programs. It is reassuring to know that the next generation of Samaritans is preparing to carry on the traditions of Sutton Fire and Rescue. We encourage you to read the essay written by Whitney Grimes, Sutton's first female firefighter, which follows the Fire Department's Report.

After a comprehensive engineering study, the septage lagoons were permitted for operation by the DES. Those lagoons are just another indicator of how well our transfer station is run by Solid Waste Facility Supervisor, Walt Simonds. The septage lagoons have generated in excess of \$13,000 revenue for the town – talk about the Midas touch!

At Town Meeting, the voters of Sutton approved an increase in the veteran's exemption from \$100-\$500 for qualifying veterans. The

exemption proved to be very popular among our eligible taxpayers. The voters also approved a very generous increase in the elderly exemption which helped to offset Sutton's increase in property values for our qualifying seniors.

The Town received DOT approval, in December 2004, for the scope and fee for the Main Street Chalk Pond Bridge project to be completed in two phases. The two-phased project will allow for traffic to flow in its usual pattern without a need for a detour. We are now ready to proceed with the preliminary and final design of the bridge. The Main Street/Chalk Pond Bridge Project is part of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) Municipal Managed Bridge program, in which NHDOT funds eighty percent of the engineering and construction costs for the project.

In 2004, the Town launched its new website (check it out at: <http://www.sutton-nh.gov>) Please feel free to contact the Selectmen's Office with suggestions or contributions for our website. The website proved to be an effective tool in disseminating information about areas of public concern and was especially useful at providing information regarding our Master Plan Process.

At the beginning of the year, the Planning Board considered the adoption of an Interim Growth Management Ordinance which was submitted for a ballot vote. Although the ordinance was defeated, it is apparent that growth continues to be a topic of concern for Sutton residents. The Planning Board, with the professional assistance of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, completed a Capital Improvement Plan and continued work on our Master Plan. It is anticipated that the Master Plan will be adopted in the first quarter of 2005. If you are interested in learning more, a comprehensive overview can be found on our website. Resource materials are also available at the Pillsbury Memorial Hall.

It is abundantly clear that many citizens, both newcomers and long-time residents, have concerns regarding growth pressures that are facing our town. For those interested in learning more about growth within our community as well as the rest of New Hampshire, the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) website provides a wealth of information at <http://www.nh.gov/oep/programs/DataCenter/index.htm>. We wanted to share the following statistics of regional relevance that were obtained from OEP. This data depicts population estimates through the year 2025 and population distribution per square mile in the seven towns comprising the Kearsarge Regional School District.

Projections

Differences

Municipality	Est.	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	01-05	05-10	10-15	15-20	20-25
Bradford	1,480	1,650	1,790	1,900	1,990	2,070	160	150	100	90	80
Newbury	1,740	1,820	1,950	2,090	2,230	2,370	80	130	140	140	140
New London	4,230	4,410	4,690	4,960	5,240	5,520	180	280	270	270	290
Springfield	970	1,010	1,110	1,200	1,270	1,330	40	100	90	70	60
Sutton	1,600	1,680	1,810	1,940	2,070	2,200	80	130	130	130	130
Warner	2,800	2,960	3,210	3,450	3,700	3,960	160	250	250	240	260
Wilmot	1,170	1,220	1,300	1,380	1,470	1,560	50	80	80	80	90
All numbers rounded to nearest ten											

Municipality	U.S. Census		OEP Estimate	2003 Persons per
	1990	2000	2003	Square Mile
Bradford	1,405	1,454	1,544	43.8
Newbury	1,347	1,702	1,940	54.2
New London	3,180	4,116	4,379	195.9
Springfield	788	945	995	22.8
Sutton	1,457	1,544	1,686	39.6
Warner	2,250	2,760	2,898	52.5
Wilmot	935	1,144	1,206	41.0

In closing, we wish to extend a warm welcome to the new residents of Sutton and express our gratitude to all those individuals who helped to support our community and local government -- whether serving in an elected capacity, as an appointed official, on a committee, or as a volunteer, you functioned as an integral component of a team, comprised of individuals with diverse views, committed to the common objective of municipal excellence. We leave you with some simple thoughts on how we can all participate in good citizenship¹ to ensure that Sutton remains a wonderful place to live and raise a family!

- Appreciate Sutton's natural beauty; the opportunity to live here; and the quality of life we enjoy. Be a good steward of the land.
- Be goodwill ambassadors, showing friendliness to visitors and neighbors alike.
- Take pride in how we maintain our property, our businesses, and our community.
- Be informed about the rules and regulations of our community, county, and state.
- Take political action: read, vote, and participate when necessary, in order to preserve and improve the good things we have.

- Get involved with our town and our schools, to give back some measure of what we receive from being a part of the larger family.
- Work together for the good of the whole.

Respectfully submitted,

THE SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William I. Curless, Chair

Philip Buteau, Selectman

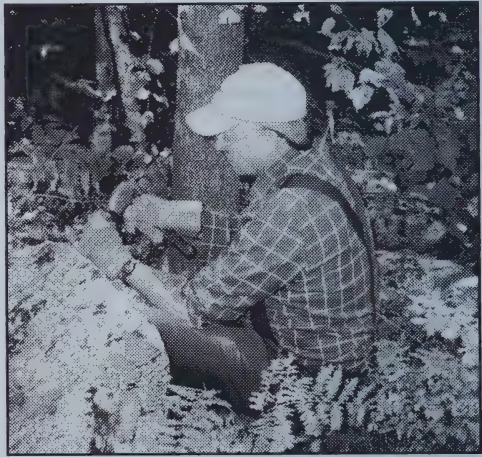
Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman

¹ *Concept from Gallatin County, MT Code of the West,
www.co.gallatin.mt.us/code.htm*

Perambulation in Perrystown

Thirty-five years before Sutton's 1784 incorporation, the surveyor Timothy Clemens and his crew marked out and measured the town's boundaries for the town's first perambulation. Clemens completed the accompanying map on November 24, 1749, to identify the township that the granting authorities would assign to Perry and 54 other petitioners. The common method of marking pathways or boundary lines at the time was to slab off small areas of bark on trees with axes down to bare wood. This was called "blazing" or "spotting."

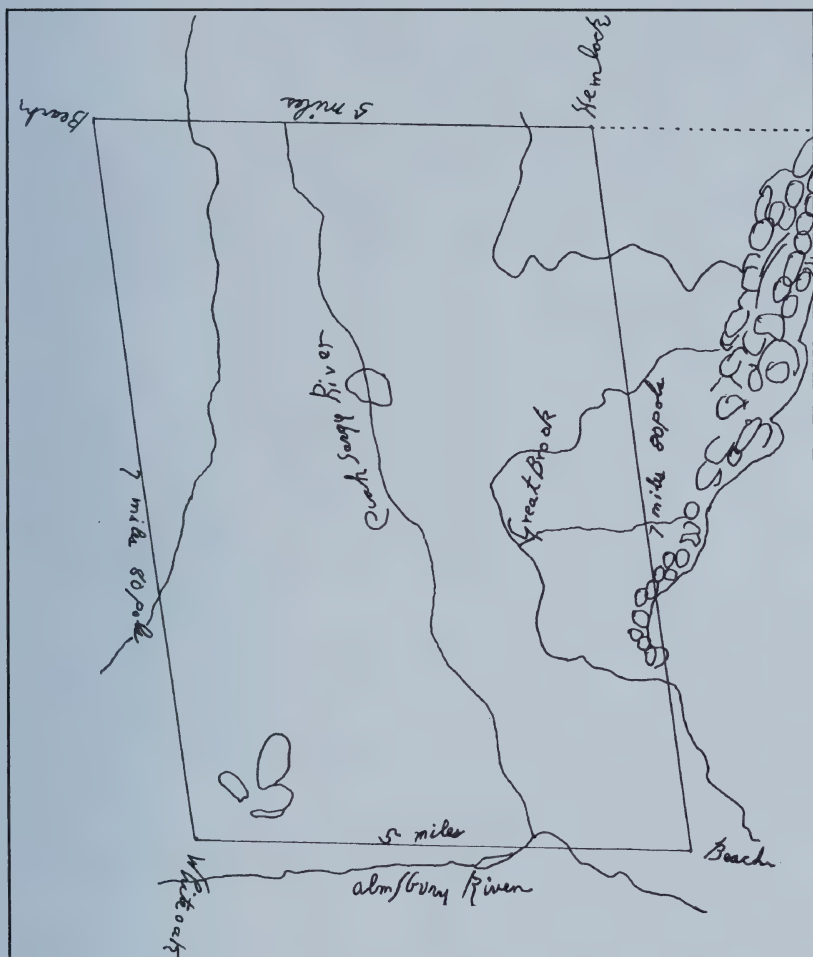
On November 30, 1749, "Perrystown" was granted to 30 men from Haverhill District and Kingston in New Hampshire and to 25 from Haverhill, Newbury, Andover, and Bradford in Massachusetts. During the following winter Obadiah Perry, the surveyor Timothy Clemens, and four other men worked 28 days laying out and marking the lots in the town which would be assigned to the 55 town proprietors at a lottery drawing in Portsmouth on July 11, 1750. In the course of laying out the lots, these men likely perambulated the town boundaries again.



Jack Noon chiseling the year onto a marker stone during the 2004 New London/Sutton Perambuation

The 55 Perrystown Proprietors had hoped to persuade settlers to move onto the land quickly, but it would be nearly 20 years after the drawing of lots before the first ones arrived – Samuel and Sarah Peaslee in April, 1770. In the meantime the axe marks on Perrystown's boundaries needed to be renewed. At a meeting of the town proprietors on October 26, 1761, six men were hired to perambulate and reblaze Perrystown's boundaries.

Perambulation in these early days required a great deal of time and effort merely to get to Perrystown from the border towns of New Hampshire and Massachusetts where most of the proprietors lived. Then it involved camping out, walking through pathless old-growth woods more than 25 miles hunting up the old marks on the town's perimeter, and reblazing the boundary line trees.



Timothy Clemens surveyed the boundaries of the future Perrystown in 1749 and completed this map on November 24th. It gave the Masonian Proprietors an idea of exactly what land they would be granting (as they'd specified earlier) somewhere along the northern boundaries of townships Number 1 and Number 2 (Warner and Bradford) in the so-called "line of towns" surveyed by Massachusetts in the mid 1730s. The formal granting of Perrystown came on November 30, 1749, just after the Masonian Proprietors had received this map. The original is in Concord at the New Hampshire Division of Records Management and Archives: Masonian Plans, Volume 2, p. 103. Reproduced in NHPP, Volume XXVIII, p. 303.

Back then, apparently, it was every bit as hard to try to spell "perambulation" as it was to walk the lines. In early documents it never seemed to come out the same way twice. In the minutes of the proprietors' meeting for 1761 Captain Daniel Johnson was described as "one of the committee men to preamble the line." Daniel Poor was also to go along "to preRamblate said town line." A bit later, in 1800, the neighboring township of Kearsarge Gore in its town records contributed Preramblated as well as Preamilating.

Modern day perambulations of the lines between bordering towns come every seven years. The earlier incorporated town takes the initiative to set a day for representatives of both towns to hunt up old markers, chisel the year's numerals onto marker stones next to all the old numerals, and officially agree on the boundaries. Warner, Newbury, and New London suggest perambulation days to Sutton, and Sutton contacts Bradford and Wilmot to set a day. Thus every year or two perambulation crews are out hunting up the old lines and markers somewhere along Sutton's boundaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Noon



Participating in the 2004 Sutton/New London Perambulation—Front (left to right), Charlie Whittemore, Sutton; Timmie Poh, New London and Sutton—Rear, Leslie Norman, New London

TOWN OF SUTTON

State of New Hampshire

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2005 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Articles 1 and 2. You are further notified to meet at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, 2005 at seven of the clock in the evening to act upon the remaining Articles.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 for the Zoning Ordinance. The amendment is pursuant to RSA 674:55, as amended, requiring municipalities to use consistent wetlands definition and delineation procedures.

Amendment 1 provides:

Under Article IV:D2 Residential District

DELETE:

After the word **wetland**, "...as defined by the National Cooperative Soil Survey as poorly drained and very poorly drained soils..."

And **REPLACE** with the following wording:

"...as defined by RSA 482-A:2, X, and as delineated per the Wetlands Bureau Rules and the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manual."

AND

Under Article V:D1 under Rural-Agricultural District

DELETE:

After the word **wetland**, "...as defined by the National Cooperative Soil Survey as poorly drained and very poorly drained soils..."

And **REPLACE** with the following wording:
“...as defined by RSA 482-A:2, X, and as delineated per the Wetlands Bureau Rules and the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manual.”

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the acquisition of municipal land and/or buildings and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen will conduct a public hearing prior to the issue of the bonds. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the issuance of the bond total or until March 9, 2008 whichever is sooner. **RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE.** *(Paper Ballot Vote at Town Meeting- Open for 1 hour – 2/3 majority required)*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred and Forty One Dollars (\$1,435,541) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

4130 Executive	\$ 131,371
4140 Election & Registration	\$ 2,073
4150 Financial Administration	\$ 75,812
4152 Revaluation of Property	\$ 10,000
4153 Legal Expense	\$ 15,000
4155 Personnel Administration.....	\$ 79,906
4191 Planning Board.....	\$ 12,204
4192 Zoning Board.....	\$ 8,631
4194 General Government Buildings	\$ 29,000
4195 Cemeteries	\$ 10,000
4196 Insurance.....	\$ 44,500
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 1,770
4210 Police Department	\$ 219,471
4215 Ambulance	\$ 32,724
4220 Fire Department.....	\$ 26,100
4240 Building Inspection.....	\$ 5,200
4290 Emergency Management	\$ 800
4299 Dispatching Services	\$ 15,079
4312 Highway Department	\$ 487,960
4313 Bridges.....	\$ 3,000
4316 Street Lighting,	\$ 6,000
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 141,170
4411 Health Administration	\$ 1,200
4415 Health Agencies	\$ 4,426

4442 Direct Assistance	\$ 9,500
4443 Welfare Administration.....	\$ 8,111
4520 Culture & Recreation.....	\$ 6,028
4550 Library	\$ 18,474
4583 Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,000
4611 Conservation Commission	\$ 2,904
4711 Principal – Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 17,483
4721 Interest – Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 2,644
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes.....	\$ 5,000
4790 Other Debt Service.....	\$ 1,000

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$251,750) to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Highway Emergency.....	\$ 2,000
Milfoil.	\$ 2,500
Highway Equipment/Trucks.....	\$ 75,000
Town Bridges.....	\$ 25,000
Solid Waste/Recycling Facility	\$ 5,000
Forest Fire Equipment.....	\$ 250
Fire Equipment Replacement.....	\$ 15,000
Property Revaluation	\$ 20,000
Highway Facility.....	\$ 50,000
Computer Technology Upgrade.....	\$ 1,500
Legal Fees.....	\$ 2,500
Highway Grader	\$ 25,000
Highway Loader	\$ 25,000
Town History.....	\$ 3,000

RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN. NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE (The Budget Committee Recommends \$199,250).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing a half ton pickup truck and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to Twenty Five Thousand (\$25,000) from the Highway Pickup Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) to upgrade blacktop town roads.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of assisting the Sutton Historical Society with the drafting of a Town History and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Town History Capital Reserve Fund established for that purpose. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for the purpose of preserving historical records such as the 'Proceedings of Jury Meetings' and 'Town Proceedings 1941-1958'. The aforementioned records have been determined to be priority items based on their condition.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000) to make the entrance to the Pillsbury Memorial Hall accessible walkway compliant with ADA requirements and to maintain the aesthetics and historical integrity of the walkway.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to upgrade fire safety equipment for the Sutton Firemen's Association.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to expand and repair the Recycling Building and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Solid Waste/Recycling Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 and modified in 2003 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$235,000) for the purpose of land acquisition, site development and/or building a new police station. This Article will be passed over if Article 3 is approved.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Police Cruiser and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 to the Police Department Facility Study and Implementation Capital Reserve Fund. If this Article Fails, Article 16 will be passed over. 2/3 majority required.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$6,700 for the purpose of performing site studies

including survey, septic plans other engineering and drafting work as required for the new Sutton Police Department and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$6,700 from the Police Department Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 and amended in 2005 for that purpose. No amount is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to establish three non capital reserve funds under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of establishing building and grounds expendable maintenance funds and to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for deposit as follows:

Fire Department Building	
Expendable Maintenance.....	\$2,000
Library Building Expendable Maintenance	\$1,000
Cemetery Expendable Maintenance	\$1,000

and further to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund.
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN. RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring land for conservation purposes and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into this fund. **NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN. NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law in accordance with RSA 149-M:17 II respecting a penalty for failure to comply with the By-Laws in regard to the operation of the Solid Waste Facility. This By-Law is to be added to and become a part of the Regulations adopted August 1, 1978 as amended March 12, 1980 and March 14, 1990.

FAILURE TO PAY required tipping fees for any reason including refusal to pay or payment by check by insufficient funds, may result in the loss of privilege to use the facility until such time as restitution is made in addition to any other fees and penalties that apply.

Article 20: Whereas citizens of the Town of Sutton wish to preserve Kings Hill Road for recreational use, we ask that the length of Kings Hill Road be changed to a CLASS A-RECREATIONAL TRAIL, from its current road status, to the conformity of NHRSA 231-A, in its entirety; to begin at a point 800 feet from its Penacook Road junction, on its east end, to its terminus at the town line of the Town of Newbury, on its west end. The reclassification shall take effect upon

passage. This reclassification shall be subject to the following conditions.

1. If any section of the Road is not a classed road of the town the residual shall survive the disclosure as a Class A trail
2. Vehicular traffic is permitted.
3. Landowner access and building maintenance is preserved.
4. New buildings without driveways to the TRAIL are permitted.
5. The classified trail shall be maintained for foot traffic, two-wheel usage, OHRV and snowmobile usage, cross country skiing, horseback riding and all similar activities, and, as an access to all lands and buildings along the road for maintenance, logging, silvaculture, agriculture, safety services, woodland recreation, and erosion control.
6. New roads shall not be joined into the reclassified Kings Hill Road.
7. Jurisdiction for maintenance and control shall be vested in the Sutton Conservation Commission and the Office of Selectmen.

Petitioned by Charles Forsberg and others.

Article 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Five.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William I. Curless

William I. Curless, Chair

Philip E. Buteau

Philip E. Buteau, Selectman

Robert Wright, Jr.

Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

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TOWN OF SUTTON

State of New Hampshire

BUDGET

MS-7

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: Sutton, NH

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) February 15, 2005

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Robert "Bud" Nelson, Chair Robert D Nelson
Philip Buteau, Ex Officio Philip Buteau
Norman Forand Norman Forand
Lynn King Lynn King
Paul Little Paul Little
Jack Paige Jack Paige

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS		
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT											
4130-4139	Executive	4	105,460	103,549	131,371		131,371		131,371		XXXXXXXXXX
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	4	3,945	3,405	2,073		2,073		2,073		XXXXXXXXXX
4150-4151	Financial Administration	4	71,126	70,042	75,812		75,812		75,812		XXXXXXXXXX
4152	Revaluation of Property	4	10,000	9,616	10,000		10,000		10,000		XXXXXXXXXX
4153	Legal Expense	4	20,800	13,230	15,000		15,000		15,000		XXXXXXXXXX
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	4	70,918	61,790	79,906		79,906		79,906		XXXXXXXXXX
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	4	11,524	7,629	20,835		20,835		20,835		XXXXXXXXXX
4194	General Government Buildings	4	27,400	24,953	29,000		29,000		29,000		XXXXXXXXXX
4195	Cemeteries	4	9,000	9,000	10,000		10,000		10,000		XXXXXXXXXX
4196	Insurance	4	45,616	43,091	44,500		44,500		44,500		XXXXXXXXXX
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	4	1,548	1,548	1,770		1,770		1,770		XXXXXXXXXX
4199	Other General Government										XXXXXXXXXX
PUBLIC SAFETY											
4210-4214	Police	4	188,078	181,544	219,471		219,471		219,471		XXXXXXXXXX
4215-4219	Ambulance	4	7,000	7,000	32,724		32,724		32,724		XXXXXXXXXX
4220-4229	Fire	4	21,300	20,853	26,100		26,100		26,100		XXXXXXXXXX
4240-4249	Building Inspection	4	5,200	4,474	5,200		5,200		5,200		XXXXXXXXXX
4290-4298	Emergency Management	4	800	0	800		800		800		XXXXXXXXXX
4299	Other (Dispatch & Red Phones)	4	13,651	13,450	15,079		15,079		15,079		XXXXXXXXXX
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER											
4301-4309	Airport Operations										XXXXXXXXXX
HIGHWAYS & STREETS											
4311	Administration										XXXXXXXXXX
4312	Highways & Streets	4	471,766	461,552	487,960		487,960		487,960		XXXXXXXXXX
4313	Bridges	4	3,000	3,000	3,000		3,000		3,000		XXXXXXXXXX

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HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting	4	6,000	6,008	6,000		6,000	
4319	Other							
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	4	136,470	131,000	141,170		141,170	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration	4	1,200	564	1,200		1,200	
4414	Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	4	4,276	4,276	4,426		4,426	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	4	10,500	2,422	11,500		9,500	2,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	4	8,111	8,111	8,111		8,111	

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					Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
CULTURE & RECREATION								
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation							XXXXXXXXXX
4550-4559	Library	4	16,653	16,776	18,474		18,474	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	4	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	4	4,553	4,553	6,028		6,028	
CONSERVATION								
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources							XXXXXXXXXX
4619	Other Conservation	4	2,824	1,940	2,904		2,904	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
DEBT SERVICE								
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	4	16,295	17,483	17,483		17,483	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4	3,833	2,644	2,644		2,644	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	4	5,000	0	5,000		5,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	4	1,000	12	1,000		1,000	
CAPITAL OUTLAY								
4901	Land							XXXXXXXXXX
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment							
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							XXXXXXXXXX
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-							
	Water-							

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ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-							
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	5	101,750	101,750	251,750		199,250	52,500
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917			728				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			1,407,597	1,338,993	1,689,291		1,634,791	54,500

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	A m o u n t	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	A m o u n t

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)			SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Enacting Fiscal Year			
ACCT. #	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
		3			500,000		500,000	
		17			4,000		4,000	
		18				30,000		30,000
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	504,000	XXXXXXXXXX	504,000	XXXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		Actual		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	Enacting Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	Enacting Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes	4	26,369	35,125	30,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	4	26,000	29,624	26,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)	4	369	369	369
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	4	290,000	314,004	300,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees				
3230	Building Permits	4	4,500	6,650	5,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	4	2700	2837	2700
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues	4	7,920	15,713	15,713
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	4	55,713	55,713	55,713
3353	Highway Block Grant	4	94,043	94,043	94,043
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	4	39	39	38
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Ash Landfill)	4	9,037	14,407	3,792
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		35,000	53,966	45,000
3409	Other Charges		400	220	200
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		13,500	13,435	100
3502	Interest on Investments		4,500	9,447	5,000
3503-3509	Other		9,750	5,183	3,683
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	4	41,000	41,000	56,700
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds	4	2,488		5,563
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				500,000
Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")					
Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes					
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			623,328	691,775	1,149,614

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	1,407,597	1,689,291	1,634,791
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		504,000	504,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		462,200	462,200
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,785,069	2,655,491	2,600,991
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	623,328	1,149,614	1,149,614
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1,161,741	1,505,877	1,451,377

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$2,859,077
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

TOWN OF SUTTON

State of New Hampshire

TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2004

The Moderator, Gregory Gill, called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock in the afternoon.

Moderator Gill led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for those residents no longer with us.

Article 1: Moderator Gill announced the results of the election of Town Officers. Results on later page.

Article 2: Moderator Gill announced the results of the Growth Management Ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of an Interim Growth Control Ordinance in accordance with RSA 674:22 and RSA 674:23 as follows:

Limitation on Issuance of Residential Building Permits

1. No building permit for a new dwelling unit or units shall be issued by the Town of Sutton except in accordance with this Ordinance.
2. During the effective period of this section of the zoning ordinance (March 9, 2004 to March 8, 2005), the number of building permits that may be issued by the Town of Sutton for new dwelling units is limited to 16.
3. The distribution of building permits under this Ordinance shall be in accordance with the following provisions:
 - a. One building permit shall be required for the construction of each new dwelling unit
 - b. Seventy-five percent (75%) (12 permits) of building permits issued for new dwelling units will be reserved for lots of record shown by deed or recorded subdivision plan that existed prior to the adoption of this ordinance, and which do not require any further subdivision of land. Any permits so reserved and not applied for between the effective date of this ordinance and August 31st of 2004 may be reallocated on or after September 1st 2004 on a first come-first serve basis, without regard to subparagraph d and e.

c. Twenty-five percent (25%) (4 permits) of building permits issued for new dwelling units will be reserved for subdivisions approved by the Planning Board between the effective date of this ordinance and August 31st of 2004. The owners of any such subdivision shall be advised of this provision and if they signify an intention to apply for such a building permit then the Town Selectmen are authorized to reserve such permits until the end of September, at which point they will be released automatically as if no application had been made. Any permits so reserved and not applied for may be reallocated on or after September 1st of 2004 on a first come-first serve basis, without regard to subparagraph d and e.

d. No more than twenty percent (20%) (3 permits) of building permits issued for new dwelling units shall be issued to any one individual, business entity or group of related individuals and/or business entities. This provision shall apply only to permits applied for between the effective date of this ordinance and August 31st of 2004.

e. No more than twenty percent (20%) (3 permits) of building permits issued for new dwelling units shall be issued for any single subdivision or re-subdivision of land. This provision shall apply only to permits applied between effective date of this ordinance and August 31st of 2004.

4. Eligibility for building permits (which phrase shall not denote nor connote any right to the issuance of a building permit) shall require, in addition to other provisions of this Ordinance, either

a. The recording of a plan in the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds, or

b. The existence of a lot of record, recorded in the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds.

Effective Date

1. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption (March 9, 2004) and shall remain in effect until March 8, 2005.

2. No building permits for new dwelling units will issued by the Town of Sutton for the period of time from December 19, 2003, which is the day following posting of this ordinance, until March 9, 2004.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

278 Yes 341 No

Moderator Gill announced the results of the Kearsarge School District Sutton Ballots.

Moderator Gill administered the oath of office to the newly elected Town Officials that were present.

Moderator Gill continued with the reading of the papers:

In the spirit of the community, Moderator Gill congratulated the Sutton PTO for the outstanding work they did on the library. Moderator Gill also spoke about the Sutton School and their use of the town facility to hold a mock election as an educational tool.

Moderator Gill opened to the floor for comments. Roger Rodewald recognized Walter Simonds for the outstanding job that he does at the "dump". "He has made the experience on dump day a lot more fun." Mr. Rodewald also hoped that the community would help out as much as possible with Danny Grace in light of his recent accident. George Wells spoke about the history of Sutton update. He passed around a clipboard for people to sign up to help. Phil Buteau addressed the web page that is being developed for the Town of Sutton. There is a contest being held for the opening photograph for the web page. All entries are to be submitted to the Selectmen's office by April 2nd, 2004 and the winner will be picked at the April 5th, 2004 selectmen's meeting.

Chief Darrel Palmer thanked the Firemen, the Rescue Squad and the ambulance crew for all of their hard work during the year. In terms of statistics, there were 102 fire calls last year; they had 25 calls so far in January. Chief Palmer also congratulated Bud Nelson on his retirement from the State Lands and Forest Department.

Moderator Gill recognized our armed services overseers.

Ellie Philips, Administrative Assistant presented a thank you basket to outgoing selectmen, Tom Brooks.

Moderator Gill talked out the legislation passed in 2002 to Help America Vote. The quality of the voting was looked at, the ability to register to vote on the same day and handicap assesability. The result of that was we had one of the best turnouts yesterday that we have ever had.

Moderator Gill explained the rules of conduct for the meeting.

Motion of Darrel Palmer to dispense with the reading of the Town Warrant, and seconded.

The Moderator read Article 3 but refrained from reading line by line.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$1,298,217) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

4130 Executive	\$105,460
4140 Election & Registration	\$ 3,945
4150 Financial Administration	\$ 71,126
4152 Revaluation of Property	\$ 10,000
4153 Legal Expense	\$ 20,800
4155 Personnel Administration.....	\$ 70,918
4191 Planning Board	\$ 6,055
4192 Zoning Board.....	\$ 5,469
4194 General Government Buildings.....	\$ 27,400
4195 Cemeteries	\$ 9,000
4196 Insurance	\$ 45,616
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 1,548
4210 Police Department	\$180,448
4215 Ambulance	\$ 7,000
220 Fire Department	\$ 21,300
4240 Building Inspection.....	\$ 5,200
4290 Emergency Management	\$ 800
4299 Dispatching Services	\$ 13,651
4312 Highway Department	\$471,766
4313 Bridges	\$ 3,000
4316 Street Lighting.	\$ 6,000
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$136,470
4411 Health Administration	\$ 1,200
4415 Health Agencies	\$ 4,276
4442 Direct Assistance	\$ 10,500
4443 Welfare Administration.....	\$ 8,111
4520 Culture & Recreation.....	\$ 4,553
4550 Library	\$ 16,653
4583 Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,000
4611 Conservation Commission	\$ 2,824
4711 Principal – Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 16,295
4721 Interest – Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 3,833
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes.....	\$ 5,000
4790 Other Debt Service.....	\$ 1,000

Robert Nelson moved to accept Article 3 as printed, seconded by Thomas Brooks.

Bill Curless moved to amend Article 3 as follows: to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred

and Five Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Seven dollars (1,305,847) which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include the amounts appropriated in other warrant articles. The amendment is proposed to represent an increase in the operating budget as follows: Line #4210 to \$188,078 increasing the item by \$7,630. Explanation, \$7,630 for a one year lease on a 2004 Crown Vic Police Car. Amendment seconded by Darrel Palmer.
Discussion Ended

The Moderator reread the amendment.

Amendment to Article 3 carried by voice vote.
Discussion Ended.

Article 3 as amended.

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Article 3 as amended carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 4.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$111,750.00) to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

DRA Recertification	\$ 2,500
Highway Emergency	\$ 2,000
Milfoil	\$ 2,500
Police Cruiser	\$ 10,000
Town Bridges	\$ 25,000
Forest Fire Equipment	\$ 250
Property Revaluation	\$ 10,000
Highway Facility	\$ 25,000
Highway Pickup	\$ 10,000
Computer Technology Upgrade	\$ 2,500
Highway Grader	\$ 10,000
Highway Loader	\$ 10,000
Town History	\$ 2,000

**Not Recommended by the Selectmen.
Recommended by the Budget Committee**

Motion by Bud Nelson to accept Article 4, second Thomas Brooks.

Bill Curless moved to amend Article 4 as follows: to see if the Town will vote to decrease the Police Cruiser from \$10,000 to \$0. Amendment seconded by Darrel Palmer.
Discussion Ended

The Moderator reread the amendment.
Amendment to Article 4 carried by voice vote.
Discussion Ended

Article 4 as amended.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty

Dollars (\$101,750.00) to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

DRA Recertification.....	\$ 2,500
Highway Emergency	\$ 2,000
Milfoil.....	\$ 2,500
Police Cruiser.....	\$ 0
Town Bridges	\$ 25,000
Forest Fire Equipment	\$ 250
Property Revaluation.....	\$ 10,000
Highway Facility	\$ 25,000
Highway Pickup.....	\$ 10,000
Computer Technology Upgrade	\$ 2,500
Highway Grader.....	\$ 10,000
Highway Loader.....	\$ 10,000
Town History	\$ 2,000

Article 4 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 5

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose of purchasing a 5-7 Yard Dump Truck with plow frames.

Motion by Bud Nelson to accept Article 5, second by Robert Wright.

Bill Curless moved to amend Article 5 as follows: to see if the Town will vote to decrease the amount to by \$3,000 to \$87,000. Amendment seconded by Phil Buteau.
Discussion Ended.

The Moderator reread the amendment.
Amendment to Article 5 carried by voice vote.
Discussion Ended.

Article 5 as amended.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Seven Thousand Dollars (\$87,000) for the purpose of purchasing a 5-7 Yard Dump Truck with plow frames.

Article 5 as amended carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 6.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum

of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to upgrade blacktop town roads.

Motion by Norm Forand to accept Article 6, second by Robert Wright.

Discussion ended

Article 6 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 7

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

Motion by Bud Nelson to accept Article 7, second by Thomas Brook.

Discussion ended

Article 7 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 8.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Rescue vehicle, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Twenty One Thousand (\$21,000) from the Sutton Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 for that purpose. The balance of Eighty Nine Thousand is to be raised from general taxation. The proposed vehicle is a 2004 Ford 550, 4-wheel drive truck equipped to be used for rescue operations but not to be used for the transport of patients

Motion by Norm Forand to accept Article 8, second by Jean Lachance.

Discussion ended.

Article 8 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 9.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Two Dollars (\$12,972) for the purpose of supporting New London Hospital ambulance with their non-billable ambulance services. Services that are non billable are intercepts, sign-offs, public assists (with patient contact), cancelled calls, fire standby and DHART calls (with no patient contact).

Motion by Phil Buteau to accept Article 9, second by Wendy Grimes.

Discussion ended.

Article 9 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 10.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500) for the purpose of obtaining staffing support and planning assistance from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission for completion of the Town's Master Plan, Build-out Analysis, CIP and Zoning Ordinance Update, and to fund this appropriation by obtaining CNHRPC Matching funds in the amount of Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$4,750) for this purpose. The balance of Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$17,750) to be raised from general taxation.

Motion by Bob Wright to accept Article 10, second by Bill Curless.
Discussion ended

Article 10 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 11.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Recycling Facility Capital Reserve Fund established 1996 to include conducting activities required by the Department of Environmental Services in connection with the Solid Waste/Recycling Facility. If this Article Fails Article 12 will be passed over. 2/3 Majority Required.

Motion by Thomas Brooks to accept Article 11, second by Pete Thompson.

Discussion ended

Article 11 carried by hand vote Yes 131 No 0

The Moderator read Article 12

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of data collection, installation of monitoring wells, sampling and lab analysis, groundwater mounding calculations and models, preparation of a hydrogeologic study report for the Solid Waste Septage Lagoons or other studies and engineering services and installations that may be required for the Solid Waste Facility and to withdraw up to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) from the Recycling Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1996 and modified in 2004 for that purpose. No amount to be raised from general taxation.

Motion by Bob Wright to accept Article 12, second by Bill Curless.
Discussion ended

Article 12 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 13.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to modify the optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property for a veteran's service-connected total disability. The optional disability credit \$2,000 rather than \$1,400. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Motion by Bud Nelson to accept Article 13, second by Bill Curless.

Discussion ended

Article 13 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 14.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to modify the optional veteran's tax credit on the taxes due on residential property. The optional tax credit is \$500 rather than \$100. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Motion by Darrel Palmer to accept Article 14, second by Pete Thompson.

Discussion ended.

Article 14 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 15.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000

For a person 80 years of age or older, \$100,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 (five) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$33,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000.

Motion by Phil Buteau to accept Article 15, second by Thomas Brooks.

Discussion ended.

Article 15 carried by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 16.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize emergency personnel and equipment to go to the aid of another city, town, village or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance, or performing any detail requested in accordance with RSA 154:24.

Motion by Bud Nelson to accept Article 16, second by Thomas Brooks.

Discussion ended.

Article 16 carried by voice vote.

Article 17: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Harold Rowe moved to amend Article 2 as follows: May not be voted on again until the master plan is completed and that the public has one year to review it, second by Steve Bailey.

It was established that this could not be done under Article 17, that it would have to be done prior to town meeting in the form of a warrant article.

It was moved by Darrel Palmer and seconded to adjourn, second.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Janet E. Haines
Town Clerk

Town Meeting March 10, 2004

Election of officers of the Town of Sutton and the Kearsarge Regional School District were held at the Pillsbury Town Hall on March 9, 2004. The polls were open from eight o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon. The results are as follows:

Selectmen 3 years	Thomas Brooks	200
	Robert Wright Jr.	365
Write In	Roger Rodewald	11
	Mark Legsden	1
Treasurer 1 year	Karin L Heffernan	582
Town Moderator 2 years	Gregory Gill	576
Write In	Robert Wright	1
Town Clerk 3 years	Janet E Haines	596
Tax Collector 3 years	Janet E Haines	594
Trustee of the Trust Funds 3 years	Barbara B. Burns	581
Write In	Jeanette Couch	1
Library Trustees 3 years	Carrie Thomas	485
(Vote for Two)	Elizabeth Cernek	486
Write In	Lois Palmer	1
	Fay Pugliese	1
Budget Committee 1 year	Steve Bagley	545
Write In	Francis Haines	1
	Greg Gill	1
	Charles Forsberg	1
	Ann Brayfield	1
	Carl Olsen	1
Budget Committee 3 years	Robert D. Nelson	493
(Vote for Two)	Paul Little	436
Write In	Norm Forand	1
	Courtney Haase	1
Overseer of Public Welfare 1 year	Courtney Haase	581
Cemetery Commission 3 years	Corbert Cochran	580
Write In	Fay Pugliese	1
	Donald Edgecomb	1

Six hundred and thirty-six votes were cast from total registered voters of 1257.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Sutton, New Hampshire
Sutton, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration as a resource for improving operations. It is not intended and should not be used for any other purpose.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr. CPA

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January 28, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Sutton, New Hampshire
Sutton, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Sutton, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr. CPA

The Mercier Group, a professional corporation

January 30, 2004

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Town of Sutton provides this Management Discussion and Analysis, in a new format prescribed by the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). This narrative overview and analysis of the Town of Sutton's financial activities is for the calendar year ending December 31, 2004. Please consider this information in conjunction with the Town's annual audit and basic financial statements.



Financial Highlights

- The Town's net assets increased by \$284,632
- Operating revenue for the year was \$1,712,344.
- Operating Budget expenditures decreased by 36,043.
- The General Fund (operating Fund) reflected on a modified accrual basis of accounting, reports a \$559,580 in fund balance (surplus)

Overview of Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements for the Town of Sutton report information on Sutton's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components: Government-Wide Financial Statements, Fund Financial Statements and Notes to Basic Financial Statements. These statements include all assets of the Town (including most infrastructure) as well as liabilities (including long term debt). Additionally, certain eliminations have been made in regards to interfund activity, payables and receivables. The Fund Financial Statements include statements for two categories of activities – governmental and fiduciary. The governmental activities are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting. The fiduciary activities are agency funds, which only report a balance sheet and do not have a measurement focus.

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities report information about the Town as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities of the Town using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Town's net assets and changes in them. Net Assets are the difference between assets and liabilities, which is one way to measure the Town's financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Other factors to consider are changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's roads.

Governmental activities report all of the Town's basic service activities that include general government services, law enforcement, public works, recreation services and community development services. Property and sales tax, franchise fees, user fees and licenses, state and federal grants, and interest income finance these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the major funds – not the Town as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, management establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money.

Governmental Funds consist of the Town's basic services, which focuses on how money flows into and out of those funds and are the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town's government operations and the basic services it provides.

Fiduciary Funds involves the Town's role as a trustee or fiduciary for certain funds held on behalf of a specific purpose. These funds are used to account for assets held by the Town and are purely custodial in nature, where assets equal liabilities; therefore, related results of operations are not measured or reported. These are excluded from the Town's other financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its own operations. In addition, the Town is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

Additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements can be found in the Town Report

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As mentioned earlier, the Town of Sutton has prepared the calendar year ending December 31, 2004 financials in a new format prescribed by the provisions of GASB 34. Therefore, for this financial analysis and for comparative purposes, the Town is presenting the fiscal year 2003 data in a similar format.

TABLE 1 – Changes in Net Assets
(In Thousands)

	2004	2003
GENERAL REVENUE		
Taxes	1,128,607	1,033,784
Licenses and Permits	323,491	296,624
Intergovernmental	179,913	217,474
Charges for Services	53,593	44,687
Miscellaneous	32,990	26,192
Other Financing Sources		
Operating Transfer In		101,888
	1,718,594	1,720,511
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	347,853	335,218
Public Safety	241,384	197,682
Highways and Streets	470,560	645,813
Sanitation	151,000	111,719
Health	4,840	4,932
Welfare	10,533	12,980
Culture and Recreation	23,488	20,007
Conservation	15,148	78,359
Debt Service	20,139	20,519
Capital Outlay	396,879	186,625
	1,681,824	1,613,854
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
Transfers in	41,000	101,888
Transfers out	(120,466)	(86,817)
	(79,466)	15,071
Changes in net assets*	284,632	138,073
Total net assets – beginning	60,503,907	1,023,766
Total net assets – ending	60,788,539	1,161,839
All numbers are expressed in American Dollars		

**For Further Information, please refer to 2004 Audit Report
– 2004 includes fixed assets.*

Summarized Financial Statements

A key indicator of the financial health of Sutton, New Hampshire is the net assets of the municipality. The net assets represent the total assets minus the liabilities. Over time increases in the net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or declining. Sutton's net assets in 2004 were \$60,788,539.

	2004	2003
COMBINED ASSETS (all fund types)		
Cash and cash equivalents	450,551	303,006
Investments	1,476,602	1,579,368
Receivables		
Taxes	225,041	268,560
Accounts		24
Intergovernmental receivables	9,085	6425
Other receivables	312	
Fixed Assets/Capital Assets (see note below)	59,690,940	2,880,343
Retirement of Long Term Debt		125,829
	\$61,852,531	\$5,163,555
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and other current liabilities	6,617	
Accrued Payroll and Benefits		1,120
Intergovernmental Payable	963,049	814,156
Agency Deposits		39,652
Deferred revenue	500	500
General Obligation Debt Payable	74,342	111,329
Compensated Absences Payable	19,484	14,500
	\$1,063,992	\$981,257
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	59,616,598	2,880,343
Reserved for Endowments		131,223
Reserved for Subsequent years expenditures	72,464	133,135
Reserved for Special Purposes	559,381	522,825
Unrestricted	540,096	514,722
		4,182,298
	\$60,788,539	\$5,163,555
All numbers are expressed in American Dollars		

TABLE 2

This increase in net assets is shown for comparative purposes only. Although the increase is particularly significant, it is due to the fact that fixed assets such as infrastructure (roads, bridges etc.) are being reported for the first time in order to comply with new accounting standards. Comparative information will be maintained in future years for discussion purposes.

Discussion of Business-type Activities

The government-wide financial statements of the Town of Sutton include the governmental activities. Most of the Town's basic services are included here, such as general government, public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, economic development, culture and recreation and interest on long-term debt. Property taxes, municipal services and grants finance most of these activities.

Chart #1, below, graphically represents the operating revenue received by the Town of Sutton from these five sources and also from miscellaneous sources and from interest income in FY04.

Town of Sutton FY04 Revenue By Source

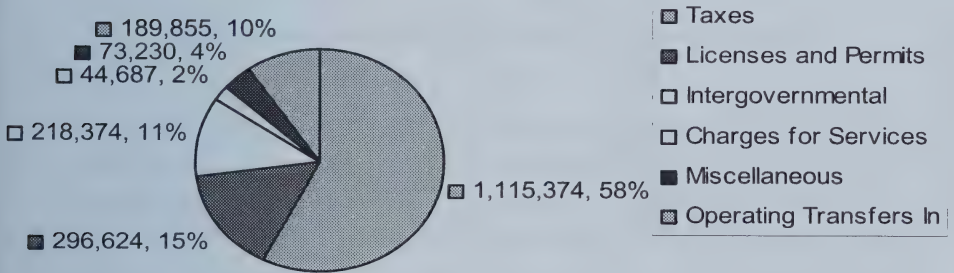


Table 3 presents the costs of each of the Town's largest functions.

TABLE 3

Expenditures	2003	2004
General Government	335,218	347,853
Public Safety	197,682	241,384
Highways and Streets	645,813	470,560
Sanitation	111,719	151,000
Health	4932	4,840
Welfare	12,980	10,533
Culture and Recreation	20,007	17,483
Conservation	78,359	15,148
Debt Service	20,519	20,139
Capital Outlay	186,625	396,879

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$1,681,824. However the amount that our taxpayers paid for these activities through property taxes was only \$1,128,607. Some of the cost was paid by those who directly benefited from the programs in the amount of \$323,491 or by grants and contributions in the amount of \$260,606.

Revenues of Sutton’s business type activities decreased \$219,550. This was largely due to a reduction of operating transfers in from special revenue and fiduciary funds. It should be noted that there was an FY ’04 interfund transfer of \$41,000 that occurred in January 2005.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town’s actual expenditures were \$148,236 under budget. The most significant positive variance resulted from staffing. Staffing is budgeted for full employment throughout the year. Budget amounts for staffing do not change, although staffing and entitlements vary throughout the year. Other areas of positive variance were for professional services and legal expenses. Property tax collection was as good as or better than anticipated and there was an increase in motor vehicle registration fees which is likely due to low interest rates for financing.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the beginning of FY04, the Town adjusted its accounting policy to capitalize only assets that have a per unit cost of \$5,000 or greater. The 2004 reported assets for all funds were \$2,208,476. Capital assets used in governmental activities that are not financial resources consist of:

Land	\$1,200,450
Buildings and other structures	\$853,450
Vehicles & mobile equipment	\$1,343,658
Infrastructure (Roads and Bridges)	\$77,344,580
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$21,0501,198)

Long-term Debt

At the end of the year the Town’s long term debt for the ash landfill closure was \$93,846. In addition, there is \$19,484 reserved for accrued vacation leave.

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2004 including interest payments are as follows:

FY ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2005	\$17,899	\$1,290	\$19,189
2006	18,324	1,044	19,368
2007	18,759	792	19,551
2008	19,204	534	19,738
2009	19,660	270	19,930

The Town is eligible for up to \$45,000 from the State of New Hampshire which represents 20% of the current eligible costs and potential future costs to be incurred in conjunction with the closure of the Sutton municipal ash landfill as of December 31, 2004, the Town is due to receive the following annual amounts to offset debt payments (principal and interest):

FY Ending 12/31	Amounts
2005	\$3,827
2006	3863
2007	3900
2008	3938
2009	3976
Total	19504

Economic Outlook and Major Initiatives

The Town's total valuation increased in 2004 by \$6,724,494. This was largely due to new construction. Property tax revenues are likely to continue to increase due to increasing property value. The Town will use the increase in revenues to finance programs we currently offer. Expenditures are anticipated to increase in the coming years. This is largely due to staffing and infrastructure needs, such as a new police facility. In addition the town adopted an aggressive CIP Policy in 2004 (saving for capital expenditure). The Town will do its best to maintain its favorable tax rate, and if necessary, will utilize money from the general fund balance to help offset anticipated 2005 expenses.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Please refer to the 2004 Town Report for additional financial information. If you have questions or are interested in receiving further information regarding the financial status of Town of Sutton, please contact the Selectmen's Office at (603) 927-4416 or via email at townofsutton@mcttelecom.com or come to the Selectmen's office at 93 Main Street, Sutton Mills, New Hampshire.

2004 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: SUTTON

Gross Appropriations	1,785,069.00		
Less: Revenues	738,100.00		
Less: Shared Revenues	7,793.00		
Add: Overlay	29,748.00		
War Service Credits	67,000.00		
Net Town Appropriation	1,135,924.00		
Special Adjustment	0.00		
Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,135,924.00	TOWN RATE	5.76
SCHOOL PORTION			
Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.- Revenue)	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	2,344,881.00		
Less Adequate Education Grant	(354,734.00)		
State Education Taxes	(527,683.00)		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,462,464.00	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE	7.42
STATE EDUCATION TAXES			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	3.33		
158,463,505	527,683.00	STATE SCHOOL RATE	2.70
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			
195,570,103			
Excess State Education Taxes - Remitted to State	0.00		
COUNTY PORTION			
Due to County	410,565.00		
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,390.00)		
Approved County Tax Effort	409,175.00	COUNTY RATE	2.07
TOTAL RATE			
17.95			
Total Property Taxes Assessed	3,535,246.00		
Less: War Service Credits	(67,000.00)		
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0.00		
Total Property Tax Commitment	3,468,246.00		
PROOF OF RATE			
Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	195,570,103.00	2.70	527,683.00
All Other Taxes	197,193,897.00	15.25	3,007,563.00
			3,535,246.00

2004 Tax Rate Calculation

Analysis of Values Assigned to Local and Cooperative School Districts

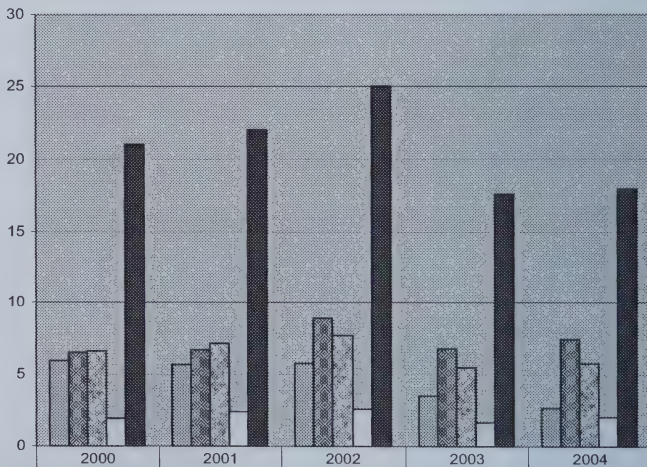
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Total

Cost of Adequate Education	882,417.00
Percent of Towns Cost for Adequate Education	100%
Adequate Education Grant	354,734.00 State Pays Directly
District's Share - Retained State Tax	527,683.00
Excess State Taxes	0.00
Total State Taxes	527,683.00
Local Education Tax	1,462,464.00

The cost of an adequate education is determined by the Department of Education based on weighted average daily membership in residence each school district. Each school district's percentage of total is then calculated. Each percentage is then multiplied by the Town's share of the state education tax amount to allocate a portion of the state

Tax Rate Comparison with Educational Breakdown



State Education Taxes	5.93	5.66	5.8	3.53	2.7
Local Education Taxes	6.51	6.69	8.88	6.81	7.42
Town Appropriation	6.6	7.18	7.71	5.47	5.76
County Tax Rate	1.94	2.45	2.63	1.7	2.07
Total Tax Rate	20.98	21.98	25.02	17.51	17.95

State Education Taxes Local Education Taxes Town Appropriation County Tax Rate Total Tax Rate

Summary of Inventory Valuation

LAND	Lines 1 A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2004 ASSESSED VALUATION BY CITY/TOWN
BUILDINGS	Lines 2 A, B, C and D. List all buildings.		
1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B & 4			
A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction #1)		17,632.70	\$1,789,310
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B		578.03	\$48,224
C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C			
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	Number of Structures		
E. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		5,205.23	\$73,065,838
F. Commercial/Industrial Land (Do Not include Public Utility Land)		509.61	\$4,090,570
G. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A + 1B + 1C + 1D + 1E + 1F)		23,916.62	\$78,993,942
H. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 6,436,694)		1,846.79	
2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A & 3B			
A. Residential			\$109,941,691
B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			\$160,200
C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Public Utility Buildings)			\$7,115,440
D. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A + 2B + 2C)			\$117,217,331
E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 10,371,690)			
3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)			
A. Public Utilities	A.		\$1,623,794
B. Other Public Utilities	B.		
4. MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			
			\$0
5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS			
This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			\$197,835,067
6. ELDERLY EXEMPTION			
			\$641,170
7. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED			
			\$197,193,897
8. LESS UTILITES			
			\$1,623,794
9. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED			
			\$195,570,103

Summary of Inventory Valuation

SECTION A: ELECTRIC COMPANIES, GENERATING PLANTS, ETC:				
Name Public Service of NH				
Name NH Electric Cooperative		VALUATION		
Name Otter Lane Hydro - Denny Property				\$1,448,569
Name				\$110,678
Name				\$64,547
A1. TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION:				\$0
(See Utilities - A Tab for the names of the limited number of companies)				\$0
				\$1,623,794
TAX CREDITS	LIMITS			
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty. RSA 72:35	\$700	# of Credits	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS	
	\$2,000			
		0	\$0	
Other war service credits. RSA 72:28	\$50	5	\$10,000	
	\$500			
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		0	\$0	
		114	\$57,000	
		119	\$67,000	
ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a				
Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for the Current Year	NUMBER	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	TOTAL ACTUAL
	3	\$20,000	65 - 74	\$60,000
	3	\$30,000	75 - 79	\$90,000
	5	\$100,000	80 +	\$500,000
			TOTAL	\$650,000

Summary of Inventory Valuation

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A				
	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	511.47	\$190,169	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	7642.00
FOREST LAND	13,444.55	\$1,441,580	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	52.60
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2,677.26	\$144,907		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	31.15	\$467		
				TOTAL NUMBER
WET LAND	787.32	\$10,749	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	259
TOTAL	17,451.75	\$1,787,872	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	397

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B				
	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENTS	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	42.14	\$12,240	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	289.03
FOREST LAND	290.19	\$28,750	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION DURING CURRENT YEAR	0.00
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	196.70	\$6,571		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND		\$0		
				TOTAL NUMBER
WET LAND	49.00	\$663	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	7
TOTAL	578.03	\$48,224	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	16

Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

December 31, 2004

	2004	2003
Assets		
Cash & Investments in hands of Treasurer:		
Cash in Checking	372,445.64	295,608.00
Investment Account	978,866.27	926,115.20
Conservation Commission	70,734.33	50,531.48
King Hill Reservation	1,321.02	1,306.92
Cash in performance deposits	1,140.67	1,424,507.93
		1,135.43
		1,274,697.03
Capital & Non-Capital Reserve Funds:		
Town Bridges	81,151.12	55,448.80
Forest Fire Equipment	3,079.42	2,800.31
Solid Waste/Transfer Station	2,022.84	2,002.83
Cemeteries	215.37	213.52
Legal Fees	15,758.60	15,604.34
Highway Department Equipment	3,623.77	3,588.38
Police Cruiser	6,565.11	6,500.91
Revaluation	13,129.18	3,037.45
Recycling Facility	29,244.43	48,762.46
Sutton Rescue Vehicle	302.44	21,093.91
Highway Garage Addition	170,151.72	143,578.05
Highway Pick-up Truck	26,520.05	16,297.16
Town Office Technology	2,856.93	337.47
Highway Grader	31,438.16	21,167.28
Highway Loader	31,438.16	21,167.28
Town History	11,299.09	9,195.79
Highway Emergency Equipment	6,079.09	4,027.08
Milfoil	10,154.19	7,564.12
Hazardous Waste Emergencies	4.74	4.74
DRA Recertification	5,047.66	2,507.28
Cemetery General Care	14,023.19	13,668.85
Accrued Benefits	2,749.73	2,742.89
Forest Fire Salaries	3,904.25	470,759.24
		3,894.54
		405,205.44
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 2004	222,987.80	261,783.42
Levies of prior years (credits)	(2,703.65)	608.93
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levies of 2003	39,319.56	36,571.51
Levies of 2002	12,268.49	17,079.84
Levies of prior years	3,168.37	2,515.98
Allowance for uncollectible taxes	(50,000.00)	225,040.57
		(50,000.00)
		268,559.68
Miscellaneous receivables	312.00	24.00
Police Department Receivables	9,085.00	6,425.00
Interfund Receivables	41,000.00	
	2,170,704.74	1,954,911.15

Town of Sutton Balance Sheet

December 31, 2004

Liabilities and Equity

	2004	2003
Accounts Payable	6,617.14	
Accrued Payroll & Benefits		1,119.88
Deferred Revenue	500.00	500.00
Encumbrances:		
04/10 Master Plan	13,875.00	
Homeland Security Grant - Unspent		45,171.00
03/15 Chalk Pond/Main Street Bridge Repairs	58,589.41	77,000.00
00/14 Chalk Pond/Main Street Bridge Repairs		2,860.46
03/12 Fire Safety Equipment	<u> </u>	<u>2,120.50</u>
02/15 Revaluation	72,464.41	5,983.33
Conservation Commission	70,734.33	133,135.29
Conservation Commission - 100% of Land Use		50,531.48
Change Taxes due upon collection	18,653.68	33,048.63
Change Tax Collections Due from General Fund		5,885.23
King Hill Reservation	1,321.02	1,306.92
Performance Deposits	1,140.67	1,135.43
Due to School District	<u>963,049.00</u>	<u>814,156.00</u>
Capital Reserve Funds	470,759.24	405,205.44
	<u>1,611,124.72</u>	<u>1,440,139.07</u>
Unreserved Fund Balance	559,580.02	514,772.08
	<u>2,170,704.74</u>	<u>1,954,911.15</u>

Report from the Town Clerk And Tax Collector's Office

To the Townspeople of Sutton,

The year of 2004 was the year of new computers for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office.

The Department of Safety upgraded our motor vehicle computer system in anticipation of a new software program being introduced during 2005. The new software program has a balancing system built in for the town portion of car registrations. This will give us a greater reporting and auditing system than we have now. Boat registrations can also be done at the Town Clerk's office, please give a call before coming or mail the registration and check to the office.

The Department of Vital Records also upgraded our vital records computer system. Vital Records is now done completely online with the state. Sutton is now able to print birth certificates even if you were born in a different town. Marriage certificates are much easier to input and all reporting is done online and available to the town in a much faster format.

The Tax Collector's office was able to upgrade the hardware system for the town. We were working on a system that was continually freezing up. Our new tax system is in place and working very well. This has helped in the collection of \$3,471,883 in taxes for the 2004 year.

Our greatest revenue increase in the Town Clerk's office was for motor vehicle permits which were up 9.2% or \$26,475. This now puts the town clerk's revenues over the \$300,000 mark at \$323,087.50.

The Town Clerk's office has experienced a large increase in mail-in registrations. These mail-ins and tax collection administration has created the need for additional non-public hours for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. Therefore, we are changing our hours to the following: Monday, 12pm to 6pm, Tuesday, 8am to 12:30pm, Wednesday and Thursday, 8am to 4pm and the Last Saturday of the month, 9am to 12pm. These hours are effective April 1st, 2005. In special circumstances, appointments are available with advance notice. If you need an appointment, the Town Clerk can be reached at 927-4575.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet E. Haines
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

Report of the Town Clerk

for the period

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

Received for Motor Vehicle Permits.....	\$314,012.00
Remitted to Treasurer	314,012.00

Received for Motor Vehicle Title Fees	802.00
Remitted to Treasurer	802.00

Received for Dog Licenses	1,851.50
Remitted to Treasurer	1,851.50

Received for Vital Statistic and Marriages.....	756.00
Remitted to Treasurer	756.00

Received for UCC filings.....	360.00
Remitted to Treasurer	360.00

Received for Town Clerk Fees.....	5,306.00
Remitted to Treasurer	5,306.00

Total Collected and Remitted to Treasurer.....	\$323,087.50
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Respectfully Submitted,
Janet E. Haines
Town Clerk

Report of the Trust Funds

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF SUTTON, NH

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND Start with common trust funds	INVESTED Bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc.	***PRINCIPAL***				***INCOME***			GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income End of Year	
			Purpose of Trust	Balance Beg. Of Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Of Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year		Balance End of Year
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS										
1959	Town Bridges	NHPDIP*		55,417.09	25,000.00		80,417.09	31.71	702.32	734.03	81,151.12
1980	Forest Fire Equip.	"		2,536.74	250.00		2,786.74	263.57	29.11	292.68	3,079.42
1982	Solid Waste/Transfer Station	"		1,964.66			1,964.66	38.17	20.01	58.18	2,022.84
1988	Cemeteries	"		213.49			213.49	0.03	1.85	1.88	215.37
1988	Legal Fees	"		15,332.49			15,332.49	271.85	154.26	426.11	15,758.60
1993	Highway Equip.	"		3,586.33			3,586.33	2.05	35.39	37.44	3,623.77
1996	Police Cruiser	"		6,497.15			6,497.15	3.76	64.20	67.96	6,585.11
1996	Revaluation	"		3,008.61	10,000.00		13,008.61	28.84	91.73	120.57	13,129.18
1996	Recycling Facility**	"		40,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	8,762.46	481.97	9,244.43	29,244.43
1996	Rescue Vehicle***	"		19,000.00		19,000.00	0.00	2,093.91	208.53	2,000.00	302.44
1998	Highway Garage	"		135,000.00	25,000.00		160,000.00	8,578.05	1,573.67	10,151.72	170,151.72
1998	Highway Pickup Truck	"		16,000.00	10,000.00		26,000.00	297.16	222.89	520.05	26,520.05
2000	Computer Upgrade	"		337.18	2,500.00		2,837.18	0.29	19.46	19.75	2,856.93
2001	Highway Grader	"		21,000.00	10,000.00		31,000.00	167.28	270.88	438.16	31,438.16
2001	Highway Loader	"		21,000.00	10,000.00		31,000.00	167.28	270.88	438.16	31,438.16
2001	Town History	"		9,000.00	2,000.00		11,000.00	195.79	103.30	299.09	11,299.09
2002	Hwy Emergency	"		4,000.00	2,000.00		6,000.00	27.08	52.01	79.09	6,079.09
2002	Mifoli	"		7,500.00	2,500.00		10,000.00	64.12	90.07	154.19	10,154.19
2003	Haz Waste Emery	"		4.74			4.74			0.00	4.74
2003	DRA Recertif'n	"		2,500.00	2,500.00		5,000.00	7.28	40.38	47.66	5,047.66
	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS			363,898.48	101,750.00	39,000.00	426,648.48	21,000.68	4,432.91	23,433.59	450,082.07
	TOTAL ALL FUNDS			557,533.88	101,960.00	39,000.00	620,493.88	43,881.11	6,490.04	8,596.17	662,268.86

* New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool

** Management Note - Due to an 2004 interfund transfer re: Article 12 of the 2004 Warrant \$20,000 was withdrawn from this account the ADJUSTED Fund Balance is \$29,244.43

***Management Note - Due to an 2004 interfund transfer re: Article 08 of the 2004 Warrant \$21,000 was withdrawn from this account the ADJUSTED Fund Balance is \$302.44

Report of the Trust Funds

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF SUTTON, NH

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND Start with common trust funds	Purpose of Trust	INVESTED Bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc.	***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***			GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income End of Year	
				Balance Beg. Of Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Of Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year		Balance End of Year
Various	126 Cemetery Trusts (Common Fund)	Perpetual Care	Bank Deposits	29,775.81			29,775.81	1,259.07	327.45	1,586.52	31,362.33
		Gen'l Care	"	13,065.00	210.00		13,275.00	603.85	144.34	748.19	14,023.19
1916	Orin Nelson	Library	"	1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00	10.73	10.73	1,000.00
1918	John Pressey	Library	"	1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00	10.73	10.73	1,000.00
1943	Lewis Richards	Library	"	300.00			300.00	0.00	3.88	3.88	300.00
1967	Douglas Anderson	Library	"	1,000.00			1,000.00	0.00	10.73	10.73	1,000.00
1971	Grace P. Nelson	Library	"	48,560.10			48,560.10	0.00	530.76	530.76	48,560.10
1988	Ada P. Anderson	Library	"	3,000.00			3,000.00	13.04	27.55	30.02	3,010.57
1988	F.B. Wadleigh	Library Books	"	4,168.21			4,168.21	54.54	10.52	65.06	4,233.27
2000	Amelia Chapman**	Library	"	10,000.00			10,000.00	0.00	109.32	109.32	10,000.00
1909	Mary Eaton	Schools	NHPDP*	150.00			150.00	4.76	1.23	5.99	155.99
1916	Orin Nelson	Worthy Poor	"	1,085.00			1,085.00	1,447.04	25.17	1,472.21	2,557.21
1930	John Eaton	Schools	"	500.00			500.00	6.08	5.11	11.19	511.19
1944	Fred E. Nelson	Town	"	2,500.00			2,500.00	731.36	31.98	763.34	3,263.34
1944	Fred E. Nelson	Misc. Town	"	5,000.00			5,000.00	474.93	53.87	528.80	5,528.80
1966	Helena M. Wells	Old Store Mus'm	"	10,118.25			10,118.25	4,298.76	138.66	3,437.42	13,555.67
1989	Sutton Rescue**	Rescue Squad	Bank Deposits	4,679.81			4,679.81	1,276.24	35.50	1,311.74	5,991.55
1990	Vol. Fire Department**	Fire Dept.	"	20,540.73			20,540.73	12,020.00	254.14	7,384.14	27,924.87
1994	Forest Fire Salaries**	Salaries	"	3,404.11			3,404.11	490.43	9.71	500.14	3,904.25
1994	Accrued Benefits**	Employee Benefits	"	2,542.56			2,542.56	200.33	6.84	207.17	2,749.73
2003	N Sutton Cem (Sundell)	Rep & Maint.	NHPDP*	31,245.82			31,245.82	308.91		308.91	31,554.73
CUMULATIVE TOTALS - ALL TRUSTS				193,635.40	210.00	0.00	193,845.40	22,880.43	2,057.13	6,596.17	212,186.79

* New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool

** Expendable Trust

Treasurer's Report

Town of Sutton, New Hampshire

2004 Treasurer's Report

	General Fund	Conservation Commission	King Hill Reservation	Performance Deposits	Total
Beginning Balances	1,221,723.20	50,531.48	1,306.92	1,135.43	1,274,697.03
Receipts:					
Tax Collector	3,612,308.29				3,612,308.29
Town Clerk	323,087.50				323,087.50
Town Office	279,422.48				279,422.48
Conservation Income(Land Use Change 100%)		31,865.72			31,865.72
Interest on deposits	9,446.67	669.72	14.10	5.24	10,135.73
	4,224,264.94	32,535.44	14.10	5.24	4,256,819.72
Disbursements:					
Selectmen Orders Paid	4,094,676.23	12,332.59			4,094,676.23
Conservation Commission Orders Paid	4,094,676.23	12,332.59			4,107,008.82
Ending Balance	1,351,311.91	70,734.33	1,321.02	1,140.67	1,424,507.93
Bank Balances:					
Citizen's Bank	24.90			1,140.67	1,165.57
Bank of New Hampshire	1,351,287.01	70,734.33	1,321.02		1,423,342.36
	1,351,311.91	70,734.33	1,321.02	1,140.67	1,424,507.93

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin Heffernan, Treasurer

Special Revenue Fund— Conservation Commission

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Conservation Account	King Hill Reservation	General Fund	Total
Revenues				
RSA 79-A (100% of CU collections)	37,750.95			37,750.95
GF Appropriations			1,940.43	1,940.43
Sale of trail maps	669.72	14.10		683.82
Interest on deposits		875.00		875.00
Donations	38,420.67	889.10	1,940.43	41,250.20
Expenditures				
Current				
Conservation				
Surveys, Maps, & Studies	12,332.59			12,332.59
Secretarial services			346.50	346.50
Dues, Conferences & Publications			571.00	571.00
Commission expenses			938.65	938.65
King Hill Mowing & Tree Work		875.00		875.00
Supplies			84.28	84.28
	12,332.59	875.00	1,940.43	15,148.02
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under)				
Expenditures	26,088.08	14.10		26,102.18
Balances - January 1	50,531.48	1,306.92		51,838.40
Balances - December 31	76,619.56	1,321.02		77,940.58
Summary of Account Balances:				
Bank of New Hampshire	70,734.33	1,321.02		72,055.35
Due from General Fund at year end	5,885.23			5,885.23
	76,619.56	1,321.02		77,940.58
Uncollected Current Use Penalties due from taxpayers at year end	18,653.68			18,653.68

2004 Expenditure Statement

4130 Executive Office		103,549.21
Selectmen's Salaries	7,500.00	
Administrative Assistant Salary	41,720.70	
Secretary & Clerk Wages	16,622.55	
Health Insurance	15,499.20	
Telephone	2,197.61	
DSL Internet	119.63	
Other Professional Services	7,180.65	
Equipment Maintenance	2,844.63	
Printing Costs	4,854.29	
Advertising	429.85	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	1,933.28	
Office Supplies	1,378.59	
Postage and Envelopes	1,000.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	3.40	
Office Equipment	264.83	
4140 Election and Registration		3,404.83
Supervisors Wages	1,554.78	
Ballot Clerk Wages	1,619.05	
Advertising	231.00	
Supplies	0.00	
Postage	0.00	
4150 Financial Administration		70,042.05
Tax Collector/Town Clerk Salary	32,117.15	
Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk Wages	4,810.37	
Deputy Treasurer Salary	196.15	
Treasurer Salary	4,903.65	
Budget Committee	1,013.02	
Health Insurance	12,509.16	
Auditing Services	5,375.00	
Recording Fees	290.74	
Telephone	1,303.41	
Mortgage Research	873.76	
Equipment Maintenance	1,306.40	
Printing	562.28	
Dues/Conferences/ Publications	852.30	
Office Supplies	803.21	
Postage & Envelopes	2,500.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	625.45	
4152 Revaluation of Property		9,616.20
RP Appraisal Services	9,616.20	
4153 Judicial and Legal Expenses		13,229.59
Legal Expenses and Services	10,238.64	

2004 Expenditure Statement

Litigation Expenses	2,990.95	
4155 Personnel Administration		61,760.21
PA Contingency	725.49	
Group Insurance - Life/D/S-L	4,582.05	
Group Insurance - Dental	4,193.28	
FICA	26,248.72	
Medicare	7,245.86	
Police Retirement Contribution	10,040.00	
Highway Retirement Contribution	6,608.90	
Executive Retirement Contribution	2,047.34	
Financial Retirement Contribution	68.57	
4101 Planning Board		3,624.86
Secretarial Services	528.60	
Planner	0.00	
Recording Fees	283.20	
Telephone	0.00	
Printing	203.30	
Advertising	1,219.65	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	191.80	
Photocopying	16.25	
Office Supplies	71.97	
Postage	1,110.09	
Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	
4192 Zoning Board		4,004.21
Secretarial Services	2,741.54	
Recording Fees	111.33	
Telephone	4.10	
Advertising	321.00	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	112.00	
Photocopying Services	14.40	
Office Supplies	131.84	
Postage	506.80	
Mileage Reimbursement	61.20	
Books & Periodicals	0.00	
4194 General Government Buildings		24,952.71
Custodial Wages	12,140.00	
Electricity	2,467.90	
Heating Fuel	3,643.72	
Repairs & Maintenance	5,061.98	
Supplies	1,639.11	
4155 Cemeteries		9,000.00
Cemetery Services	9,000.00	
4196 Insurance		43,091.42
Unemployment Insurance	277.00	
Workers Compensation	16,045.15	

2004 Expenditure Statement

Property/Liability	24,986.93	
Insurance Expense - Misc.	1,782.34	
4197 Advertising & Regional Associations		1,548.00
Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission	1,548.00	
4210 Police Department		181,544.35
Full Time Wages	54,620.05	
Part Time Wages	5,902.77	
Special Duty Wages	2,703.00	
On Call Wages	1,567.33	
Overtime Wages	1,947.04	
Police Chief Salary	41,726.20	
Part Time Secretary	9,663.96	
Health Insurance	22,160.96	
Court Representation	500.00	
Court Witness Fees	15.00	
Telephone	4,093.23	
Computer Services	1,365.86	
Animal Control Expenses	55.00	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	2,962.64	
Training Supplies	1,056.08	
Office Supplies	1,834.49	
Investigative Supplies	8,686.73	
Cruiser Lease/Equipment	8,356.56	
Cruiser Fuel	5,371.65	
Cruiser Repair/Maintenance	3,484.80	
Uniforms	3,471.00	
4215 Ambulance		7,000.00
Sutton Rescue Squad	6,000.00	
Bradford Rescue Squad	1,000.00	
4220 Fire Department		20,853.02
LP Gas	11.92	
Telephone	1,735.66	
Electricity	2,589.19	
Heating Fuel	1,817.12	
Building Maintenance	556.61	
Equipment Fuel	474.67	
Training	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous & Supplies	4,024.32	
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	4,673.53	
Training Supplies/Equipment	120.00	
Equipment	2,820.00	
Radios	30.00	
4240 Building Inspection		4,474.11
Inspection Services	4,474.11	

2004 Expenditure Statement

4290 Emergency Management		0.00
Emergency Management Services/Expenses	0.00	
4299 Dispatching Services		13,449.88
Dispatching Services - Includes Red Phone	13,449.88	
4312 Highway Department		461,551.73
Wages	163,521.36	
Part Time Labor	9,814.23	
Part Time Mechanic	783.75	
Overtime Wages	32,221.46	
Part Time Secretary	1,180.50	
Health Insurance	39,767.03	
Telephone	1,187.54	
Other Professional Services	14,724.13	
Radio Repairs/Purchase/Lease	572.32	
Electricity	1,373.79	
Heating Oil	2,742.32	
LP Gas	172.70	
Building Repairs/Maintenance	470.74	
Dues/Conferences/Publications & Adv.	589.00	
Equipment Rental	16,169.00	
Mileage Reimbursement	139.92	
Vehicle Fuel	18,333.13	
Vehicle Repair/Maintenance	14,360.38	
Oil & Filters	3,452.63	
Tires	5,641.69	
Materials & Supplies	4,765.92	
Cutting Edges	4,336.90	
Equipment Repair/Maintenance	14,888.12	
Chains	4,607.50	
Culverts	6,419.02	
Hand Tools	560.20	
Shop Equipment	979.71	
Sand & Salt	54,917.05	
Gravel	22,062.37	
Asphalt Products	11,821.14	
Signs	1,341.58	
Liquid Calcium Chloride	7,634.60	
4313 Bridges		3,000.00
Bridge Expenses	3,000.00	
4316 Street Lighting		6,008.25
Street Lighting Expenses	6,008.25	
4324 Solid Waste Disposal		131,000.00
Wages	55,648.70	
Telephone	804.96	
Water Testing	2,500.00	
Ash Storage/Disposal/Tests	0.00	

2004 Expenditure Statement

Electricity	1,477.37	
Heating Oil	677.03	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	210.20	
Maintenance/Supplies	5,361.04	
Uniforms	1,377.26	
Safety Equipment	915.00	
Operator Certification	260.00	
Repairs	4,402.80	
Lagoon Maintenance	1,959.84	
Demo Dumpster/Tipping Fee	22,667.90	
Scrap Metal	125.00	
Newspaper Containers	31.80	
Hazardous Waste	912.00	
Cardboard Dumpster	49.70	
Aluminum/Steel Cans	902.17	
Freon Recycling	602.00	
Oil Filter Recycling	0.00	
Tire Removal	3,718.05	
Florescent Bulb Recycling	192.00	
MSW Tipping	17,890.19	
MSW Trucking	5,838.41	
Propane	639.93	
Calcium Chloride	1,000.00	
Glass	836.65	
4411 Health Administration		618.41
Inoculations & Tests	604.82	
Miscellaneous Expenses	13.59	
4415 Lake Sunapee Regional VNA		4,276.00
Lake Sunapee Regional VNA	4,276.00	
4442 Direct Assistance		2,421.88
Worthy Causes	100.00	
Miscellaneous Direct Assistance	2,321.88	
4443 Welfare Administration		8,110.96
Services	3,999.96	
Community Action Program	4,111.00	
4520 Culture and Recreation		4,553.00
South Sutton Common	300.00	
Sutton Elementary	225.00	
Council on Aging	1,000.00	
Churches	263.00	
Youth Recreation Programs	2,765.00	
4550 Library		16,776.24
Salaries	6,776.24	
Library Appropriation	10,000.00	

2004 Expenditure Statement

4583 Patriotic Purposes		1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes Expenses	1,000.00	
4611 Conservation Administration		1,940.43
Secretarial Services	346.50	
Dues/Conferences/Publications	571.00	
Expenses	938.65	
Supplies	84.28	
4700 Debt Service		20,139.32
Principal LT Bonds/Notes	16,294.27	
Interest LT Bonds/Notes	3,833.06	
Interest on Tans	0.00	
Interest on Abatements	11.99	
4194 Capital Reserve Funds		101,750.00
DRA Recertification	2,500.00	
Highway Emergency	2,000.00	
Milfoil	2,500.00	
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	
Property Revaluation	10,000.00	
Computer Technology Upgrade	2,500.00	
Highway Bridges	25,000.00	
Highway Garage Addition	25,000.00	
Highway Pickup Truck	10,000.00	
Highway Grader	10,000.00	
Highway Loader	10,000.00	
Town History	2,000.00	
4916 Forest Fire Salaries	727.50	727.50
4999 2004 Warrant Articles		363,408.83
Rescue Vehicle	110,000.00	
Highway Truck	87,000.00	
Gravel Upgrade	24,811.83	
Blacktop Upgrade	100,000.00	
New London Ambulance	12,972.00	
Master Plan CIP	8,625.00	
Solid Waste Septage	20,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL		1,702,427.20

Statement of Receipts and Actual Revenues

for the year ending December 31, 2004

	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Over (Under)
TAXES			
Timber Tax	26,369.00	35,125.03	8,756.03
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	26,000.00	29,624.47	3,624.47
Excavation Tax & Activity Tax	369.65	369.00	(0.65)
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	290,000.00	314,003.50	24,003.50
Building Permits	4,500.00	6,650.00	2,150.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,700.00	2,837.00	137.00
FROM STATE GOVERNMENT			
Shared Revenues	7,920.00	15,713.00	7,793.00
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	55,713.00	55,713.30	0.30
Highway Block Grant	94,043.00	94,042.75	(0.25)
State Forest Land	39.00	38.99	(0.01)
Other State Grants and Reimbursement	9,037.00	14,406.66	5,369.66
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	35,000.00	53,966.24	18,966.24
Other/Bank Charges	400.00	220.00	(180.00)
MISC. REVENUE			
Sale of Municipal Property	13,500.00	13,435.00	(65.00)
Interest on Investments	4,500.00	9,446.67	4,946.67
Other/Cable, Insurance, Dividends & Reimbursement	9,750.00	3,683.09	(6,066.91)
TRANSFERS IN			
Capital Reserve Funds*	41,000.00	41,000.00	0.00
Trust Funds	<u>2,488.00</u>		<u>(2,488.00)</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>623,328.65</u>	<u>690,274.70</u>	<u>66,946.05</u>

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2004

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
4130 Executive	105,460.00	103,549.21	1,910.79
4140 Elections and Registrations	3,945.00	3,404.83	540.17
4150 Financial Administration	71,126.00	70,042.05	1,083.95
4152 Appraisal Services	10,000.00	9,616.20	383.80
4153 Legal Expenses	20,800.00	13,229.59	7,570.41
4152 Personnel Administration	70,918.00	61,790.00	9,128.00
4191 Planning Board	6,055.00	3,624.86	2,430.14
4192 Zoning Board of Adjustment	5,469.00	4,004.21	1,464.79
4194 General Government Buildings	27,400.00	24,952.71	2,447.29
4195 Cemeteries	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
4196 Insurance	45,616.00	43,091.42	2,524.58
4197 Regional Association	1,548.00	1,548.00	0.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 Police Department	188,078.00	181,544.35	6,533.65
4215 Ambulance	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
4220 Fire Department	21,300.00	20,853.02	446.98
4240 Building Inspection	5,200.00	4,474.11	725.89
4290 Emergency Management	800.00	0.00	800.00
4299 Dispatching	13,651.00	13,449.88	201.12
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4312 Highway Department	471,766.00	461,551.73	10,214.27
4313 Bridges	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
4316 Street Lighting	6,000.00	6,008.25	(8.25)
SANITATION			
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	136,470.00	131,000.00	5,470.00
HEALTH ADMINISTRATION			
4411 Inoculations Tests and Expenses	1,200.00	564.00	636.00
4415 Health Agencies	4,276.00	4,276.00	0.00
WELFARE			
4442 Direct Assistance/Worthy Causes	10,500.00	2,421.88	8,078.12
4443 Welfare Services and C.A.P.	8,111.00	8,110.96	0.04
CULTURE & RECREATION			
4520 Churches, Commons, Museum, Recreation	4,553.00	4,553.00	0.00
4550 Library	16,653.00	16,776.24	(123.24)
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2004

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance
CONSERVATION			
4611 Administration, Expenses & Supplies	2,824.00	1,940.43	883.57
DEBT SERVICE			
4711 Debt Service LT Bonds/Notes	16,295.00	17,483.00	(1,188.00)
4721 Interest LT Bonds/Notes	3,833.00	2,644.00	1,189.00
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
4724 Interest on Abatements	1,000.00	11.99	988.01
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
DRA Recertification	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Highway Emergency	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Milfoil	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Bridges	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Forest Fire Equipment	250.00	250.00	0.00
Property Revaluation	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Highway Garage Addition	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Highway Department Pickup Truck	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Computer Technology Upgrade	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Grader	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Loader	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Town History	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
FOREST FIRE SALARIES	0.00	727.50	(727.50)
2004 WARRANT ARTICLES			
Rescue Vehicle	110,000.00	110,000.00	0.00
Highway Truck	87,000.00	87,000.00	0.00
Road Upgrade Blacktop	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Road Upgrade Gravel	25,000.00	24,811.83	188.17
New London Ambulance	12,972.00	12,972.00	0.00
Master Plan/CIP Planning	22,500.00	8,625.00	13,875.00
Solid Waste Septage	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,785,069.00</u>	<u>\$1,702,402.25</u>	<u>\$82,666.75</u>

Inventory 2004

Schedule of Town Property

Map/Lot	Location	Value
02-895,218	Old Sutton Road (old gravel pit)	3,440
04-246,386	Old Store Museum and Land	97,260
04-262,377	Soldiers Monument on Common	8,380
04-313,462	N/S Route 114 (ash disposal area)	62,210
04-387,478	Solid Waste Facility and Land	98,900
05-821,512	Settlers Fireplace	15,160
06-341,143	Highway Garage and Land	152,780
06-403,240	Library and Land	126,900
06-428,236	Pillsbury Memorial Hall and Land	360,000
06-513,305	Chalk Pond Road	25,200
06-544,342	Chalk Pond Road	92,050
07-912,283	Fire Station/North Road and Land	316,100
07-913,302	Bullard Land/North Road	7,500
09-284,237	Charles Avenue/R-O-W.	2320
09-906,090	W/S Route 114 adj. To *89	7,500
09-935,453	Crockett Circle	4,100
Total Town Property		1,379,800

Kearsarge School District

05-402,352	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	328,350
05-505,365	Kearsarge Regional High School and Land	6,989,470
05-909-431	Kearsarge Regional School District	5,630
06-472,183	Sutton Elementary School and Land	909,200
Total School Property		8,232,650

Conservation Land

01-113,554	North Road and I-89	19,240
03-126,029	North Road	1,000
04-070,198	off Eaton Grange Road	8,200
04-391-036	Rte 114 & Russell Pond (Spiers)	39,510
06-038,545	W/S Route 114	2,500
06-068,565	Corporation Hill Road	80,900
07-926-552	Rte 114 - Enroth Gift	31,450
08-018,336	Kezar Lake/Shore	46800
08-018,340	Keyser Street	136,600
08-109,368	Sundell E/S Penny Ante Alley	50,200
08-171,362	off Park Ave. on Kezar Lake	45,600
08-369,498	King Hill Reservation	199,140
Total Conservation Property		661,140

Inventory 2004

Tax Deeded Property

02-055,310	Harwood Trust (Lot 3)	31,600
02-492,360	Hurd (Camp)	180
02-539,366	Hurd (Camp)	160
02-552,368	Hurd (Camp)	160
02-557,369	Hurd (Camp)	160
02-568,410	Hurd (Camp)	160
02-573,390	Drop Anchor Realty Trust	160
03-293,290	Saddleback Road	15,450
05-992,428	Beechwood Trust	20,700
Total Tax Deeded Property		68,730

Cemeteries

	Cemeteries	N.A.V.*
01-162,131	Sutton Lane	N.A.V.*
03-277,473	Gore Road	360
04-124,402	Meeting House	2200
04-358,511	Millswood, Route 114	110
06-365,163	near Union Church, Sutton Mills	120
07-203,396	Mastin, Baker Road	3500
07-939,404	North Sutton, Route 114	3600

*Reflects parcel with "no assessed value"

Tax Collector's Report

Summary of Tax Accounts
for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2004

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		Summary of Tax Accounts			
		Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2004			
TOWN OF SUTTON		Levies	Levies	Levies	Prior
		2004	2003	2002	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG OF YEAR					
Property Taxes		xxxx	227,225.79	(588.70)	(194.04)
Land Use Change		xxxx	33,048.63		
Yield Taxes		xxxx		686.48	511.15
Utilities		xxxx			
Gravel Excavation		xxxx			
Gravel Activity		xxxx			
Supplemental		xxxx			
Interest		xxxx	(33.38)	24.32	183.77
Penalties		xxxx		20.00	15.33
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR					
Property Taxes		3,471,883.37	(490.00)		
Land Use Change		23,356.00			
Yield Taxes		35,125.03			
Gravel Activity					
Gravel Excavation		369.65			
Utilities					
Added Taxes					
Power Profit Taxes					
Other charges					
OVERPAYMENT					
Property Taxes		3,710.00	10,027.81	103.50	
Land Use change					
Yield Taxes				171.67	
Gravel Activity/Exca					
Interest					
Interest/Costs/Penalties Collected		2,911.72	15,129.98	276.77	171.29
TOTAL DEBITS					
		3,537,355.77	284,908.83	694.04	687.50

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FORM MS-61		Summary of Tax Accounts			
		Fiscal Year Ended 12/31/2004			
TOWN OF SUTTON	Levies of			
		2004	2003	2002	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer					
During the Fiscal Year:					
Property taxes		3,284,786.09	183,337.51	(137.60)	
Land Use Change Tax		20,900.00	16,850.95		
Yield Taxes		24,025.57		858.15	514.58
Power Profit Assessment					
Utilities					
Interest/Costs/Penalties		2,747.75	9,177.07	276.77	171.29
Gravel Activity					
Gravel Excavation		320.90			
Other Charges					
Conversion to Lien			56,105.58		
Abatesments Allowed:					
Property Taxes		1997.37	5075.04		
Land Use Change Tax					
Yield Taxes					
Utilities					
Gravel Activity					
Uncollected Taxes:					
End of fiscal Year #1080					
Property Taxes		188,538.91	(1,345.00)	(347.60)	(194.04)
Land Use Change Tax		2,456.00	16,197.68		
Yield Tax		11,099.46			(3.43)
Gravel Activity					
Gravel Excavation		48.75		24.32	199.10
Interest		163.97			
Penalties			(490.00)	20.00	
TOTAL CREDIT		3,537,084.77	284,908.83	694.04	687.50

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DEBITS						
	Last Years Levy	2003	Levy	2002	Levy	2001
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg of Fiscal Year.				36,571.51		16,837.23
Liens Executed During the Fiscal Year	92,989.52					2,587.78
Interest & costs collected (after Lien Execution)	681.60			4,741.49		
TOTAL DEBITS	93,671.12			41,313.00		2,587.78
CREDIT						
Remitted to Treasurer	Last Years Levy	2003	Levy	2002	Levy	2001
Redemptions						
Interest & Costs collected	16,717.96			24,303.02		16,184.84
(after Lien execution) #3190	681.60			4,741.49		5,850.35
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes						
Liens Deeded to Municipality						
Unredeemed Liens Bal End of Year	76,271.56			12,268.49		2,587.78
Excess Debits (Credit)						
TOTAL CREDIT	93,671.12			41,313.00		2,587.78
Does you Municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15) Yes						
Tax Collectors Signature _____ Date _____						

Report of the Budget Committee

The Budget Committee began its 2005 deliberative session on November 29, 2004. At this meeting, the Board accepted a letter of resignation from Susan Maddox. We thank Susan for her service and wish her well. Recently elected, Stephen Bagley was ready to serve when the board was notified that he was a full time employee of the town. Therefore, due to statutory requirements, he could not fill his seat on the Budget Committee. We thank Steve for his efforts and his willingness to participate. Norm Forand was selected to fill one of the Committee's vacancies. We welcome Norm back to the Committee. Previously, Norm served as the Chair to the Budget Committee as well as a long-time former member. We are grateful for the vast experience that he brings to the table.

The Committee, Selectmen and Department Heads met jointly in an effort to minimize impact on staff and facilitate communication among participants. The Budget Committee prepared their recommendations for the public hearing which was conducted on February 7, 2005. At that time, departmental requests, the Selectmen's recommendations, and the Budget Committee's recommendations were presented and discussed. The Budget Committee considered public input as well as information provided from department heads and budget discussions in order to develop the budget that is presented at Town Meeting for your consideration.

To make this process work requires thoughtful public input. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide a forum for Sutton taxpayers to receive information and furnish input, which the committee takes into consideration during its deliberations. These are public meetings that help to shape the town budget. Your participation is encouraged.

We wish to thank the department heads for their thoughtful and thorough explanations of their budget requests.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. (Bud) Nelson, Chair

Philip Buteau, ex officio

Norm Forand

Lynn King

Paul Little

Jack Paige

Christine Nelson, Secretary

Report of the Highway Department and Road Agent

As you may recollect, we had extraordinarily wet weather in 2004. Consequently, the crew was busy mowing along all the town's roadsides as well as grading all of our dirt roads. As a matter of fact, some of the dirt roads had to be graded several times due to weather conditions. Brush was cut along Johnson Hill, Blaisdell Hill, Winslow and Old Sutton Roads. We added gravel to Eaton Grange, Meadow Brook and Shadow Hill Roads. Ditching work was accomplished along Roby Road, Keyser Street, Davis Court, Gile, Whiskey Pines, Harwood Road and portions of Eaton Grange Road, as well as Meadowbrook, Stone House, Beaver Pond, High Mowing, Wadleigh Hill, Winslow and Rowell Hill Roads. Naturally, along with all that maintenance, we attended to several culverts that needed to be replaced.

Our paving projects this year included Johnson Hill Road and portions of Blaisdell Hill and Camp Kemah Roads. The old blacktop was ground, reclaimed and repaved on these roads. We were pleased to get the aprons paved on Brown Road South, Bass Point Road, Jolly Farm, Barker, Birch Hill and Baker Roads. We retired the 1990 L-8000 truck when our new 2005 Sterling dump truck arrived. The new truck got here just in time to be put to good use during our many maintenance activities in 2004.

At the time of this writing, we are busy with winter maintenance activities. The Highway Department would like to remind you that a little courtesy and common sense go a long way in arriving safely at your destination. According to the Department of Transportation, our little town has about 83 miles of roads. Sixty four miles of these roads are in Class V or better condition – that means we are maintaining them. In the winter that's a lot of roadway to keep clear of snow and ice. We put in long hours, oftentimes, in blinding weather conditions. As you may have noticed, some of the roads can be a bit narrow. Remember to adjust your speed for weather and road conditions and be sure to leave room for oncoming traffic. Please, if you can, stay off the roads in bad weather; and if you can't, be a courteous and safe driver – give the trucks room to maneuver and do their work!

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to the townspeople of Sutton for all their support throughout the year, the contractors for their cooperation, the Police Department, Fire Department and Rescue Squad for backing us up, the Selectmen and administrative staff for their assistance, and most especially, thank you for a job well done to the members of the Highway Department: Den (Dennis Stevens) – John (John Csutor) – Steve (Stephen Bagley), Glenn (Glenn Kirby), Don (Donald Hall) and Lynn, (Lynn King).

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Parker, Road Agent

Report of the Sutton Police Department 2004

The year 2004 was once again a busy year for our department. We experienced more changes in the department, from personnel to our reporting system, to going through the CALEA recognition process in the State of New Hampshire.

Heather McCarthy joined our team in the spring of 2004 as our part time office administrator/CALEA liaison. She is responsible for many different tasks and without her expertise and thoroughness in our day-to-day operations, my job would be much more difficult. John Niederriter left us in early May, moving to Greer, South Carolina. He and his wife now reside in Greer, and John is working for the local police department there. Jon Korbet completed his first full year with us and continues to do an excellent job. We were fortunate to hire John Sims in November. John comes to us as a very experienced police officer. He will fill the position of Sergeant for the department. Welcome aboard John!

Last year, we began exploring the possibility of relocating our police department. Our current department is located in the basement of the Town Hall. One must traverse 13 stairs to get to our office. We have outgrown the 280 square foot office. There is inadequate ventilation, heat and no emergency exit from the office. We are experiencing more walk-in traffic to our department. The Police Department Facility will be presented for consideration on the 2005 Warrant.

By the time you have read this report, the police department hopes to have fully completed the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) process and be New Hampshire Recognized. As of this writing, we are scheduled for our mock assessment on January 28, 2005, with the final evaluation in February / March. The process of accreditation is a twelve-month process that enables the department to take a detailed and critical look at its procedures and operations. Some examples of the issues covered are: use of force, training, patrol, risk management, and evidence collection and preservation. All of these are high liability issues to any department. In order to receive New Hampshire Recognition the department must comply with 100 standards. If we are successful in this process, we will be the only New Hampshire Recognized department in this immediate area.

In closing, I would like to recognize and thank all of the other departments in town. Our fire department, rescue squad and highway department are very valuable assets to our community. Without their assistance and dedication, our job as police officers would be near impossible.

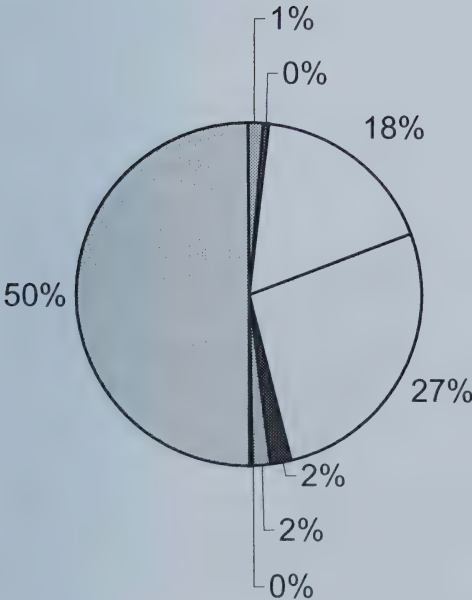
Report of the Sutton Police Department 2004

We are here to serve the community. As a reminder, please post your house numbers in a visible location in case we have to respond to an emergency at your residence or business. We are currently updating the alarm book as well. Please contact the police department if you have an alarm so that we may verify information. You may also download the form at www.sutton-nh.gov and either email or mail the form to the department. Our email address is suttonpd@tds.net.

In the spirit of serving our community,

Patrick J. Tighe
Chief of Police

Calls for Service	
Accidents	43
Arrest/Booking	14
Calls for Service	530
Citations	805
Incidents	58
Property	46
Domestic Disputes	10
Total Calls	1506



■	Accidents
■	Arrest/Booking
□	Calls for Service
□	Citations
■	Incidents
■	Property
■	Domestic Disputes

Report of the Solid Waste and Recycling Facility 2004

This year we built a new oil tank retainment building which is required by the State. Our newspaper and cardboard dumpster is doing very well.

The Solid Waste Facility hours are:

Tuesday noon to 5:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Revenues that come from fees charged are used to offset the tax rate and ultimately lessen the costs of tipping and trucking fees associated with running the transfer station.

In closing, I would like to say a special thank you to the townspeople for doing a great job recycling at our facility. The recycling of newspaper and cardboard has increased, and we are making \$45.00 a ton which helps the facility greatly. I would like to thank the Selectmen and Elly for all their help and support. A special thanks to Paul Parker and his crew for the wonderful job they do sanding our facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter Simonds

Solid Waste Facility Supervisor

Report of the Planning Board

Continued strong residential growth in Sutton highlighted Planning Board activities for 2004. A well-attended public hearing was held in January on an Interim Residential Growth Management Ordinance, the result of a petition by voters seeking to control the pace and timing of new home construction by limiting the number of building permits issued each year. The board voted to place the ordinance on the town warrant in March, where it was defeated by ballot vote. In other regular business throughout the year, 14 applications under the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations were heard and approved by the board.

- 1) Annexation/Lot Line Adjustment: Applicant, Paul I. Cleveland Irrevocable Trust, Sutton; 2.01 acres from Tax Lot #5-831,532 joined to Tax Lot #5-831,514, both located on Gile Pond Road.
- 2) Annexation/Lot Line Adjustment: Applicant, Daniel and Jill Grace, Sutton; boundary line change between Tax Lot #7-154,439 and Tax Lot #7-198,402, located on Kearsarge Valley Road.
- 3) Minor Subdivision: Applicant, Daniel Fifield, Warner; 2.06 acres subdivided from 56-acre Tax Lot #1-220,280, located on Eaton Grange Road.
- 4) Minor Subdivision: Applicant, Ernest Zick, Sutton; Tax Lot #4-575,390 subdivided into two lots, one of 5.83 acres and the other of 5.19 acres, located on Brown Road.
- 5) Major Subdivision: Applicant, John MacKenna, New London; Tax Lot #7-030,513 subdivided into seven lots, all fronting on Kearsarge Valley Road.
- 6) Minor Subdivision: Applicant Nicholas Brunet, Sutton; Tax Lot #7-120,477 subdivided into three lots, one of 6.5 acres and one of 3.8 acres, both on Eaton Grange Road, and the third of 52 acres on Stevens Brook Road.
- 7) Site Plan: Applicant, John and Kimberly MacPhearson, Sutton; permission to open a retail store in the old North Sutton Post Office, Tax Lot #7-922,384.
- 8) Minor Subdivision: Applicant, Richard Kent, Los Angeles; Tax Lots # 6-310,058, 27.9 acres, and Tax Lot #6-311,012, 26.5 acres, combined and then subdivided into three lots, located on Route 114 opposite the town highway building.
- 9) Site Plan: Applicant, Freewill Baptist Church, North Sutton; permission to set up a daycare and preschool at the church (subsequently denied by the Zoning Board).

- 10) Minor subdivision: Applicant, Jeffrey Evans, Sutton; Tax Lot #4-033,482 subdivided into two lots, 2.82 and 11.49 acres, serviced by a new private road off Pound Road South.
- 11) Minor Subdivision: Applicant, Theresa Goodwin, North Sutton; Tax Lot #7-586,549 subdivided into two lots of 2.07 and 5.1 acres on Cotton Road.
- 12) Minor Subdivision: Applicant, Douglas and Helen Palmer, North Sutton; subdivision of 12 acres on Felch Road from Tax Lot #8-217,479, a 144-acre parcel, which includes the former Maple Leaf Golf Course, bounded by Hominy Pot Road, Penacook Road, King Hill Road and other boundaries.
- 13) Annexation/Lot Line Adjustment: Applicant, Valerie Forbes-Thompson and Valerie Serrano Forbes, Madrid, Spain; 12.3 acres of Tax Lot #7-578,502, located on Cotton Road and Shaker Road, annexed to Tax Lot #7-687,521, Shaker Road.
- 14) Minor Subdivision: Applicant, Maxine Mendes and Christine Michie, Bradford; subdivision of Tax Lot #4-293,169 into two lots, one of 2.3 acres and the other of 20.6 acres, Route 114 in South Sutton.

The town contracted with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Board (CNHRPC) to work with the Planning Board in updating the Sutton Master Plan. Ten public hearings and many, many subcommittee meetings held over a six-month period, covering all chapters of the plan. Eight chapters were approved by the Planning Board in 2004. They are Housing, Population and Economics, Current Use, Transportation, Community Facilities, Natural Resources, Historic and Cultural Resources and Implementation. Work on the remaining chapters of the plan will continue in 2005. When all chapters are eventually approved by the board, the complete, updated Master Plan will have a final public hearing.

A Capital Improvements Program (CIP) was completed in 2004, also with the help of the CNHRPC. The program is designed to help eliminate major fluctuations in town expenditures while meeting demands placed on the town by anticipated growth. It lists over a six-year period the financial demands of each town department, plus schools, and schedules by year when money might be spent to meet those demands.

Other activities of the Planning Board in 2004 included several Pre-application Preliminary Consultations with applicants seeking to subdivide land, but who wished to review the basic concept of the subdivision with the board, so that any potential regulatory problems might be eliminated before final consideration. Plans and statements at these consultations are non-binding on both the board and the ap-

plicant. The aim is to make the application process smoother and the board urges applicants to make use of these consultations.

During the year other board meetings covered consultations with the Road Agent on Class VI roads and driveway permits, the appeal of a driveway permit denied by the Road Agent, the review and comment for selectmen on residential building on Class VI roads, various site walks, and two Voluntary Mergers of lots.

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Meeting agendas are posted at the town hall and the Sutton post offices the week before. All meetings are open to the public.

Members of the Planning Board are

Daniel Sundquist, Acting Chair

Stephen Enroth, Applications Secretary

Robert Wright, ex officio

Naia Conrad

Dave White

John Sullivan

John Csutor

Marnee Saltalamacchia, Recording Secretary and First Alternate

Joseph Burns, Second Alternate

Report of the Central New Hampshire Planning Commission

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The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is an association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties established under RSA 36. CNHRPC provides a variety of planning services to its members, including consultations on planning issues; planning research; sample ordinances, regulations, and planning documents; access to Census information and other data sources; grant information; review and comment on planning documents; development review; and educational programs. Membership also entitles a community to affordable planning services such as master planning assistance, geographic information systems (GIS) mapping, and other land use and transportation planning-related assistance.

In 2004, CNHRPC staff assisted the Town of Sutton with the following:

- Consulted with the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Town Staff and provided information on planning topics such as:
 - o Growth Management Ordinances
 - o Student Population Estimates
 - o General Planning Questions
 - o Master Plan Process
 - o Right to Know Law
 - o Road Standards
- Sutton Master Plan: Assisted the Planning Board with coordinating and facilitating the Master Plan Process.
- Updated the GIS Transportation layer.
- Collected traffic counts.
- Conducted road inventory of Town road centerlines and met with Town Officials to review and confirm the data.
- Prepared material for and attended the Sutton Historical Society Annual meeting to talk about historic preservation tools and techniques.

In addition to the local services described above, in 2004 the CNHRPC provided the following services to Sutton as part of regional activities:

- Held training sessions related to Planning Board process and development review procedures.
- Coordinated meetings of the CNHRPC Regional Resource Conservation Committee (R2C2). The R2C2 seeks to bring representatives of each of the region's communities together to work on conservation issues that affect the overall region.
- Hosted educational regional workshops on basic planning procedures.
- Conducted traffic counts throughout the region.
- Organized and hosted meetings of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).
- Continued the update and expansion of the regional transportation model. The transportation model will be an integral component of the I-93 Bow to Concord Transportation Planning Study.
- Provided assistance to municipalities, groups and interested individuals regarding the Transportation Enhancements (TE) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs.
- Provided continuing technical assistance to the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee and the Contoocook North Branch Local Advisory Committee.
- Provided assistance to CNHRPC member towns regarding National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation and compliance.
- Maintained and updated the www.nharpc.org website of statewide local census data and statistics.
- Assisted local housing and childcare advocacy groups through funding provided by the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA).

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or your representative to the Commission, Stephen Enroth, or visit us on the internet at www.cnhrpc.org.

Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment 2004

The Zoning Board of Adjustment schedules public hearings for the last Wednesday of the month (where possible) upon receipt of a request for a Special Exception or a Variance to the Sutton Zoning Ordinance or and appeal from and administrative decision. Applications for such a hearing and copies of the Zoning Ordinance are available at the Selectmen's Office in the Town Hall.

This year the Board received 12 Hearing requests; the same as last year. Of these requests 5 were for Variances; 4 were granted, 1 denied; 7 were for Special Exceptions; 4 were granted, 1 denied and 2 were withdrawn/incomplete .

The Board would like to recognize the long service of Leslie Enroth and Andy Supplee. Mrs. Enroth retired this year and Mr. Supplee remains on the Board as an alternate. We thank you for your dedicated service to the Town of Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment.

During the year 2004 the Zoning Board of Adjustment held public hearings on the following appeals.

04-01 Wednesday, January 28, 2004

Tax Map # 04-832 Lot # 517 Book # 2007 Page # 151
Mark and Sandra Legsadin property owners of land at 424 Newbury Rd, Sutton NH, requested a variance to the terms of Article V Section C-4 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance in order to re-construct a six by twenty-eight foot (6x28) porch to add an upstairs bathroom and storage 45 feet from the center line of Newbury Rd was GRANTED by unanimous decision of the Sutton Zoning Board of Adjustment.

04-02 Wednesday, February 25 at 8:00 PM

Tax Map # 07 -953 Lot # 373 Book # 2179 Page # 0600
Applicants Christine and Ian Gilmour of 9 Keyser St, North Sutton requested a Variance to the terms of Article IV Section D-2 of the Sutton Zoning Ordinance for the alteration of an existing deck measuring approximately 31' x 8' into a screened porch of the same dimension 16 ft from the lake which is within the setback requirement of 75' from the water, Kezar Lake, in a Residential area of North Sutton.

The application was GRANTED with conditions:

1. A series of gutters be installed on the roof on the front and sides to contain runoff of water and to direct it back to-

wards the house this is 44 ft from the lake. Also to incorporate a water barrel or catch basin, utilize crushed stone or a dry well for the process of recycling water.

2. Additional Blue Stone will be added to the walk that runs on the outer edge of the current walkway at the edge of the deck along the lake to filter the water.
3. Incorporate shrubs, bushes, trees, vines etc to enhance absorption of water before it can enter the lake.
4. This screened porch would only be used as such.

04-03 Frederic Shenn –Withdrawn

04-04 Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 7:45 PM

Tax Map # 01-859 Lot # 251 Book # 2554 Page # 054
Applicants Crispin and Christine Fletcher of Roby Rd, a Rural Agricultural District in Sutton NH, request a special exception to the terms of Article III Section J-2 in order to use a travel trailer as living quarters while building a home. This request was GRANTED by unanimous decision.

04-05 Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at 8:30 PM

Tax Map # 0-922 Lot # 384 Book # 2175 Page # 1582
Applicant Kimberly MacPherson for property owned by Sutton Four, LLC of land on 1522 Rte 114, Unit D North Sutton, a Residential District in Sutton NH, requests a special exception to the terms of Article VI, Section A- 3 to operate a part time (Saturday am only) Boutique Shop. The request was GRANTED by unanimous decision with one condition:

On the condition that the applicant Kimberly MacPherson and the abutter, Erica Walker, provide a copy of an agreement to indemnify and defend the abutter against claims specifically related to the applicant's business as proposed in the application. It is desired that this agreement would be completed and a copy provided to the ZBA in 30 days.

04-06 Wednesday May 26, 2004,

Tax Map # 07 Lot # 251-82006A Book # 1942 Page # 938
The applicant Russell Gross request as variance to the terms of Article V, Section C-4 in order construct a 24' round pool 40 feet from the center line of 18 Whiskey Pine Road, a Rural Agricultural Zone in the Town of Sutton. The set back requirement is 66 ½ feet. The Board GRANTED the applicant's request for a variance.

04-07 Wednesday July 28, 2004

Tax Map # 06 Lot # 208,196 Book # 1875 Page # 458

The applicants, David Burnham and Kathy Kallman Burnham request a variance to the terms of Article V, Section D-1 in order construct a 23' x 26' addition to a garage on property located at 1063 Rte 114, Sutton, NH, to house antique autos and be in full compliance with the State Best Management Practices for backyard Mechanics and Hobbyists, less than the required 75 feet set back from a wet land in a Rural Agricultural Zone in the Town of Sutton.

The application was GRANTED with conditions:

Crushed stone will be added under the drip edges and around the existing and proposed buildings to contain the runoff and stabilize any disturbed soil. A silt fence will also be utilized to protect from runoff during the construction of the new garage foundation and floor from the construction site.

04-08 Wednesday August 25, 2004

Tax Map # 05 Lot # 772,563 Book # 2623 Page # 1572

The applicant, Marion Kelly requests a special exception to the terms of Article IV, Section B-1 (2 family dwelling) and Article V Section A-1 (uses permitted in a Residential District) to the home at # 21 Southfield Rd., owned by A & S Realty Trust/Marion Kelly; a Rural Agricultural Zone in North Sutton, in order to change one room in the downstairs of the home to a kitchen for the purposes of turning the downstairs into an apartment.

The application was GRANTED with the following conditions:

1. The house is to remain owner occupied;
2. The apartment to house two (2) people and those two people are limited to a maximum of two (2) passenger vehicles parked on the premises;
3. That Marion Kelly obtains a letter from the Department of Environmental Services approving the septic system for a three (3) bedroom home and a one (1) bedroom apartment; OR that the septic system is upgraded as necessary, and that a copy of the letter or the upgrade is forwarded to the board as soon as possible.

04-09 Wednesday September 29, 2004

Tax Map # 07 Lot # 942,393 Book # 1290 Page # 449

The applicant, Raven Rossmiller requests a special exception to the terms of Article IV, Section B-2 in order to use space in the First Freewill Baptist Church. Rte 114, to operate a year round Christian Daycare and Pre-school, a Residential Zone in North Sutton, was DENIED by a vote of 4-1.

04-10 Wednesday September 29, 2004

Tax Map # 07 Lot # 876,290 Book # 1363 Page # 704

The applicant, RCS Designs requests a variance to the terms of Article IV, Section D-2 in order to erect a building within the town's required 75' setback from a wetland and Article IV C-4 63 feet set back from the center line of a road on land owned by Louis and Nancy Pocharski at Davis Court/North Road, a Residential Zone in Sutton, the application was Denied 4-1

04-11 Wednesday September 29, 2004

Tax Map # 03 Lot # 962,022 Book # 2661 Page # 1161-1162

The applicant, David W. Hill requests a special exception to the terms of Article III, Section J-2 in order to use a (temporary dwelling) while permanent structure is being built in an Agricultural Zone at # 322 Roby Road, S Sutton.

The application was GRANTED unanimously with one condition:

1. The temporary residence will be removed one year from this date. Any delay will require a return to the Sutton Zoning Board for a re hearing.

04-12 Michie/Mendel - Withdrawn

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Report of the Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer 2004

The number of building permits issued in Sutton in 2004 remained stable this year with a substantial number of permits approved for new homes.

A breakdown comparing the building permits issued over the last seven years follows.

Permit	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
New Houses/Camps	6	14	26	17	34	33	29
Addition/Alteration/Replacement	8	8	15	9	12	11	13
Roofs	1	1	1	2	2	3	4
Barns/Garages/Carports	9	10	16	17	16	11	15
Outbuildings Sheds	11	5	10	8	12	13	9
Decks/Sunrooms/Porches	4	13	8	6	14	18	11
Docks	1	1	1	0	**1	0	1
Renovations	9	11	20	5	3	11	12
Commercial Buildings/Structures	0	0	1	0	2	*1	0
Wireless Communication Tower	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Demolition of Existing Buildings	2	3	1	2	3	1	5
Renewals	2	0	1	0	1	1	1
Pools	0	0	1	1	0		2
Trailer – Temporary							1
House Demolition/Replacement							1
TOTAL	54	66	101	68	101	104	104

*Telecommunication Site

** Loading Dock

Welcome to the many new residents of Sutton who filed for building permits this year. Anyone needing a building permit may pick one up at the Selectmen's Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The office is closed from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

In order to ensure a timely review of your permit by both the Building Inspector and the Selectmen, please return your completed application to the Selectmen's Office by noon the Wednesday before the Monday Selectmen's meeting at which you wish to have your application considered. Finally, if you need questions answered or an inspection conducted, I can be reached at 927-4080.

Thanks to both townspeople and their builders for your continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard "Buzz" Call, Building Inspector

Sutton Fire Department Annual Report 2004

It seems that every January brings some kind of excitement for the Sutton Fire Department. 2004 was no exception. With slick road conditions, we were out on the highway on numerous occasions for motor vehicle crashes and thankfully, our only structure fire of the year happened in January 2004 as well. We were called to respond in East Sutton for a barn fire. Luckily we have a very active mutual aid system in place. Because this area is closer to Warner, we were able to depend on them heavily to "hold down the fort" until we could arrive on scene. The barn was a total loss but luckily there was no loss of life, be it human or animal. Shortly thereafter we were called to East Sutton once again for a "structure fire". The homeowner was able to put out the fire on his own with a fire extinguisher. By the time we arrived we only needed to help rid the home of smoke.

Mutual aid coverage continues to be key for our department and our neighboring towns. We responded to eight mutual aid requests between the towns of Wilmot, New London and Warner. We also continue to drill with area towns on a regular basis. Sutton Fire saw an increase from 88 calls for 2002 to 102 for 2003 and once again an increase for 2004 to 107. The new four-wheel drive rescue truck has made a huge difference in how we can safely respond to a scene. We are able to have ample lighting, equipment and a place to do fire fighter rehab at a structure fire. Ten old pagers were replaced with new Minitor pagers. The majority of our calls were for motor vehicle crashes on Interstate 89.

A new project that both Fire and Rescue undertook this last year was the implementation of a Cadet Program for our town's youth. Young men and women ages 14 to 18 are able to train, attend meetings and work side by side with us at calls that we deem safe for them. We are thankful to have such an active group. Their energy and willingness tackle the task at hand gives us "old guys" a chance to breath. These cadets are the future of our department.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Police Department, Highway Department, Office of the Selectmen and our mutual aid towns. We also extend our thanks to the town's people of Sutton. Anyone interested in becoming members of the department are encouraged to attend monthly meetings. These occur the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel Palmer, Chief

Chimney Fires	5
Motor Vehicle Crashes	22
Motor Vehicle Crashes on I-89	38
Mutual Aid	8
Structure Fires	2
Mutual Aid Drills	4
Brush Fires	7
Service Calls	12
Trees on Wires	7
Plane Crash	1
Automobile Fire	1
Total	107

SUTTON FIRE MEMBERS

Darrel Palmer, Chief
 Matt Grimes, 1st Lt.
 Pete Thompson,
 Kirk Chadwick
 Ken Day
 Kevin Rowe
 Harold Rowe
 Ken Sutton
 Steve Enroth
 Spunk Ford
 Art Chadwick
 Adam Wilcox
 Dan Vinal
 Keith Badgley
 Bill Horvath
 Andy Palmer

Chris Rowe, Captain
 Cory Cochran, 2nd Lt
 Bob Gagnon
 Chip Rowe
 Shreve Soule
 Scott Palmer
 Doug Palmer
 Buzz Call
 Gary Wilcox
 Tom McLoughlin
 John MacPherson
 Richard DeFelice
 Peter Boucher
 Whitney Grimes
 Bud Nelson
 Adam Hurst

First and Third*

(First Woman Firefighter/Third Generation Public Safety Volunteer)

Red lights flashed, the pedal was to the metal, and we were flying down the highway in my dad's red GMC pick-up truck. I was on my way to my first fire call. My adrenaline was pumping; it was time for me to prove myself.

I joined the fire department in June of 2003, and I was the first woman to do so. From the beginning, none of the firemen would let me do anything. The men on the department didn't think I could handle it. Having a woman on the department was a new concept for them, but because my grandfather is the chief and my dad is the second lieutenant, they knew they had to give me a chance.

I waited for almost six months for the opportunity to prove myself. I went to all of the drills and all of the meetings so I could prove that I was committed. Finally, in February of 2004, I got my chance. My dad and I pulled up to the scene of the fire and all you could see was an orange glow in the sky and sparks shooting up everywhere. The temperature was about ten degrees and the only warmth we got was from the heat radiating off the burning building. A barn had caught fire, luckily there weren't any animals or people inside.

We put on our bunker gear and ran towards the building. Lieutenant Baker, a firefighter on the Warner department, led me to the fire and put me on a hose. This was the first fire I had ever been to and I expected to be standing around the whole night, not doing anything. When Lt. Baker called me over I didn't know what to expect and I wondered if I would be able to do everything right. I stood there for over an hour holding the hose with another Warner firefighter, Steve, who was about my age. After a while I became comfortable holding the hose and being close to the burning barn. My nerves started to calm down and I wasn't scared anymore. We shot the water at the building, while Lt. Baker mentored us along the way. After about an hour and a half Lt. Baker told us to go take a break, to get some food and water because he didn't want us to get tired.

Steve went home and I took a break, but after a half an hour I went back on the hose. I stayed there for another couple of hours until finally, the fire was out. A wave of relief came over me when it was all over. All I wanted to do was go home and climb into my nice warm bed, but we still had a lot of cleaning up to do.

We packed all the hoses and equipment in the trucks and headed back to the fire station. I was so tired; it had been a long night. When we got back, everybody told me what a good job I did and how surprised

they were of me. We sat around the station venting and unwinding from the events that had taken place earlier that evening. We shared stories and talked about what we could have done better. We all ate food and relaxed because everyone had been working hard the whole night. During the chaos of the fire everyone came together to help out and now that the chaos was over we were still together and I was still included.

Respectfully submitted,

Whitney Grimes

**Whitney is the granddaughter of Darrel Palmer, Fire Chief and
the daughter of Matt Grimes, 1st Lieutenant Fire Department, and
Wendy Grimes, Rescue Squad Chief*

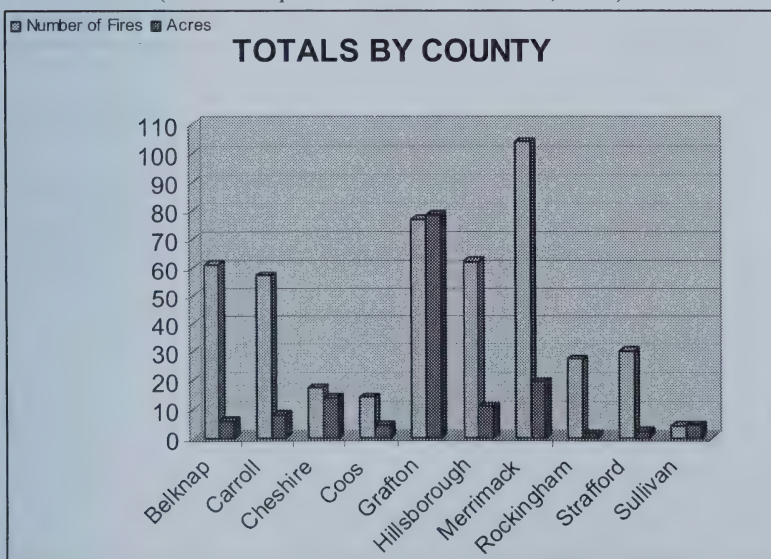
Report of the Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger 2004

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.l.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire

2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	15	2004	462	147
Campfire	41	2003	374	100
Children	12	2002	540	187
Smoking	19	2001	942	428
Debris	201			
Railroad	1			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	5			
Misc.*	163			

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

Report of the Sutton Forest Fire Warden 2004

We have had a relatively good year with only one forest fire reported. There have been a large number of smoke investigations where there have been fire permits out, but people report seeing smoke and these reports are investigated. This proves that people in town are aware of forest fire danger and are concerned citizens.

The law states that you must have a written permit when the ground is not completely snow covered, but we request that you call when there is snow on the ground, so that we don't have to make any false runs. We are all volunteers, and everyone is aware of the price of fuel.

We have responded with Mutual Aid to other towns that have had forest fires and are always glad to assist our neighbors. They, in turn, help us when needed.

I believe the street numbering system has been in place long enough so that you should all have your numbers placed by the roadside entrance to your home so that the Rescue Squad, Police and Fire Department can find you. This is for your safety and it is the law. Please contact the Selectmen's office at 927-4416 if you don't know your physical street address.

We have issued over 90 permits this year, and I want to thank everyone for your cooperation and for burning safely.

For Fire Permits call:	Pete or Marne Thompson	927-4440
	Darrel Palmer	927-4629

Thanks again,

Pete Thompson, Fire Warden

Deputy Wardens:

Darrel Palmer, Harold Rowe, Robert Gagnon, Robert Nelson

Report of the Sutton Rescue Squad 2004

The Sutton Rescue Squad saw a decrease this year in total number of patient contacts from 154 in 2003 to 122 in 2004. While the patient contacts decreased the severity of the call did not. And as has been the norm for us the majority of our patient contacts were on the interstate with a total of 48 contacts. Motor vehicle crashes in general are the majority of our calls with a total of 73 contacts being for this. Given the fact that motor vehicle crashes have increased primarily due to inclement weather, we are lucky to have put into service the new four-wheel drive rescue truck. This has proven to be worth its weight in gold. If we are trying to provide patient care in inclement weather, we now have spacious area to get out of the elements as well as we are able to have all our rescue gear at our fingertips. For this we thank the Town of Sutton. We continue to work closely with New London Ambulance and Bradford Ambulance to provide coverage for our town. While the price for one of these services has increased, it is still the most cost effective way of providing an ambulance service for our town.



Our new Rescue Vehicle at work

Members continue to work closely with members of the Sutton Fire Department to train on a monthly basis. As sample of the trainings attended thus far: Snowmobile Rescue, Incident Command, and Civil Air Patrol, to name but a few.

The biggest undertaking for 2004 and most gratifying was the start of a Cadet Program for Sutton's youth ages 14 to 18 who showed an interest in the fire and rescue service. We work closely with the fire department to train these fine young men and women. To date all but one is CPR and defib certified. One is a certified 1st Responder and two have advanced first aid training. These youngsters are a hard working team that you can all be proud of.

Our goal for 2005 is to continue our outreach efforts to anyone interested in working with a great group of people providing care to members of our community and those who travel through it. If this sounds like

something that might interest you, please come to one of our monthly meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. – Sutton Fire Station. If you have a student ages 14 to 18 that has an interest in a great community service project, Cadet meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutton Fire Station as well.

Sincerely,

Wendy Grimes, Chief

Members of Sutton Rescue

Cindy Canane, 1st Responder
Martha Cayar, EMT-I (pending)
Ken Day, EMT-I
Bette Fredrickson, EMT-D
Matt Grimes, 1st Responder
Wendy Grimes, 1st Responder

Whitney Grimes, 1st Responder
Tim Hayes, 1st Responder
Carl Olson, 1st Responder
Gail Olson, 1st Responder
Doug Ryder, 1st Responder
Brenda Spencer, EMT-I
Shreve Soule, 1st Responder

Annual Report 2004

Sutton Explorer Post #90

In March of 2004, the Sutton Fire Department and the Sutton Rescue Squad started a cadet program. This program allows young adults from the age of 14 to 18 to participate in fire and rescue activities, in which they otherwise wouldn't be allowed to become a part of until they turned 18.

Cadets are allowed to do almost everything that the adults can do with a few exceptions. We are not allowed to respond to calls on the highway, climb ladders over 35 feet, operate hydraulic equipment (i.e. the Jaws of Life, or chainsaws), or go inside burning buildings. We are not allowed to respond directly to a scene.

Our by-laws state that we will respond to the station and ride to the scene if deemed appropriate for us with a member. The cadet program allows us to be apprentices to the members of both departments. All of the cadets are CPR/AED certified with the exception of one member. We have participated in a number of drills with the fire and rescue squad, which include vehicle extrication, incident command, and snowmobile rescue. We all have some type of protective gear and old rescue radios.

Cadet meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00. We are also invited to participate in both the Fire Meetings, which are the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., and the Rescue Squad meetings which are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All of these meetings are held at the Fire Station. If you know of a Sutton student who would be interested in becoming a cadet please let them know about the meeting time.

Sincerely,

Whitney Grimes, Captain

Members:

Vanessa Badgley

Samantha Cayer

Aaron Flewelling

Whitney Grimes

Hilary Grimes

Megan Grimes

Nate Hanson

Sarah Himes

Jon Thomas

Report of the Office of Emergency Management 2004

How thankful we can be to live in Sutton. Floods, mudslides, tornados, feet and feet of snow or even a Tsunami do not plague us. Once in a while we do get the occasional ice storm that brings back memories of the "big one". And we even have a heavy wind and rain event from time to time. But all in all we are truly blessed.

The Office of Emergency Management for the Town of Sutton remains active even when we aren't faced with weather related events. Mainly the focus at these times is pursuing grants that have been made available through the Homeland Securities Grant Program. This office will continue to seek funding for the town as is appropriate through out 2005.

Anyone interested in taking a look at the Town's Emergency Management Plan, stop by the Pillsbury Free Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Grimes

Emergency Management Director

Report of the Conservation Commission 2004

Front Row (L to R):

*Leslie Enroth, Betsy
Forsham, and Jean
LaChance;*

Back Row (L to R):

*Jack Noon, Tim
Davis, Leon Malan
and George Wells*

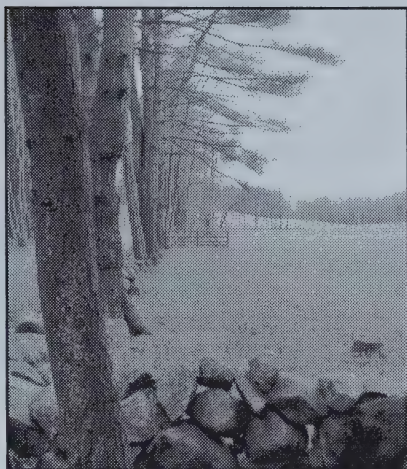


New Hampshire is the fastest growing state in the Northeast. Most of this growth has taken place in southeastern and central New Hampshire, which includes Sutton. Of 12 surrounding and nearby towns, only Bradford has less protected land than Sutton (6.63% compared to 6.90%). By comparison, New London has 15.32% of its land protected, Wilmot has 21.38%, and Springfield has 28.70% protected. The city of Boston has dedicated 15% of its land area to permanent parks and open space, and New York City has dedicated 27%! Your conservation commission has been wrestling with these facts throughout the year. The fact that 70% of Sutton's land is currently private open space puts the town at great risk for large development. Two years ago the town voted to allocate 100% of the Land Use Change Tax (10% of the value of land taken out of current use when it is developed) to a Conservation Fund to acquire and protect open space. This past year the Natural Resources subcommittee of the Master Plan Committee surveyed the town. Approximately three-fourths of the respondents stated that they were in favor of town funds being used for this purpose. Acquiring, conserving, and properly using the open space and natural resources of Sutton is the mission of the Sutton Conservation Commission (SCC).

In 2003, Sutton purchased property on Russell Pond and was given property on Route 114 which connects to the Mildred T. Lefferts Natural Area on Kezar Lake. This year the newly acquired properties were surveyed. (Bristol Sweet & Associates generously donated the survey costs for the donated property.) We're very pleased to report that the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust will hold conservation easements on all three of these properties. Its doing so adds another, important, layer of protection. The Russell Pond property will be hayed by a neighbor, enabling the field to remain open at no cost.

During this past year another significant parcel in Sutton has been protected. Lisa and Gerry Putnam have donated an easement on the

majority (45 acres) of their land on Hominy Pot Road to the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. The lovely fields and woods will remain the same forever. This land runs along Lyon Brook and abuts the King Hill Reservation. It will be open to the public for hiking. Eventually there will be a walking trail connecting to the present trail along Lyon Brook in the King Hill Reservation. The Sutton Conservation Fund facilitated this donation by funding the surveying, appraisal and one-time monitoring fee costs. The Sutton Conservation also holds a backup easement on this property.



Plans for our newest easement on Hominy Pot Road include a walking trail

Work on the King Hill Reservation continued this year. Once again, a NH Fish and Game Mowing Grant was applied for and granted, enabling the trails on King Hill to remain open, benefiting wildlife habitat and human recreation. Members of the SCC and other volunteers have done trail work on the Reservation. Members of the Snow Mobile Club maintain the warming huts and snowmobile trails. Forrester Brooks McCandlish spoke with the SCC and has written a Woodland Examination Report. He will be working with us to implement some of its recommendations. The Reservation continued to be used for training Rescue Dogs.

This year various members of the SCC attended Master Plan meetings. Members also attended workshops around the state. A Roadside Cleanup Day was organized. A member of the SCC represents Sutton on the Sunapee, Ragged Kearsarge Greenway Coalition. The SCC attended a Right-to-Know forum hosted by the Sutton Select Board. Members of the SCC, and other volunteers, will be constructing a new trail to the Settler's Oven, off Southfield Road. Our administrative assistant Sarah Denz did a wonderful job preparing the SCC's connection to the town's web site. The routine work of looking over intents to cut and wetland permits continued throughout the year. These duties often require field investigations to be sure that state laws are being followed. We are all the eyes and ears of the NH Department of Environmental Services in these matters. If you feel a violation is occurring, call any member of the SCC, preferably at the start of the possible violation, so that we can prevent damage to our town's natural resources.

The SCC facilitated and attended a Lake Sunapee Protective Association presentation to the Sutton Select Board by Robert Wood, on the Sunapee

Watershed. This presentation emphasized that all events occurring in a lake's watershed, especially development, impact the water quality of a lake. After the presentation, two attendees volunteered to be part of a multi-town watershed council. What they learn will be immensely helpful as we protect water bodies here in Sutton.

As a result of successful litigation against the town of New London, Kezar Lake has been monitored jointly by both New London and the Kezar Lake Protective Association for many years. The Court also established a Kezar Lake Watershed Committee, to consist of two members of each town and two members of the State Department of Environmental Services. The SCC was represented on this Committee, which has monitored this watershed,

Lyon Brook in particular. The last court-ordered water samples were taken in September, 2004. The court order ran out December, 2004. At present, Kezar Lake is healthy again.



From left to right; Jessie Levine, Administrator KLWP, and Leslie Enroth representing Sutton on the KLWP taking water samples.

There are only so many ways that Sutton can preserve its rural character, a goal the citizens of the town approve over and over. The donating of land, or easements on land, is one way, and the Sutton Conservation Commission actively pursues these. The purchase of land, or easements on land, is another way. The price of land is very high. The pressure of development is very real. The Land Use Change Tax money is not enough to acquire any parcel of significant size. This year this Town Report contains a new Capital Improvement Plan to set aside money for future land or easement purchase, A vote by the town, at the regular Town Meeting or a special Town meeting, would be required before any of these monies could be spent. The town would be fully informed as to what land the SCC hoped to protect, and why, before voting. This money, combined with the Land Use Change Tax money the town voted (in 2003) to put in a Conservation Fund, would enable the Sutton Conservation Commission to apply for grants requiring matching funds, which most grants do. The choice is up to you, the residents of Sutton.

Respectfully submitted.

Leslie Enroth, Co-Chair, Betsy Forsham, Co-Chair, William Curless, Ex Officio, Sarah Denz, Secretary, Don Davis, Tim Davis, Jean LaChance, Leon Malan, Alternate, Jack Noon, Alternate, George G. Wells, Charlie Whittemore

Health Officer's Report 2004

The Sutton Health Officer had the assistance of the New London Health Officer in reviewing the report from Griffin International, Inc. The report entitled: 'RSD Leasing Facility at the North Road Location' deals with the impact to the groundwater at the school bus facility located across from the Kearsarge Regional High School. Based on data collected to date, it appears there has been little or no adverse impact to the groundwater in the test area. This is good news. The test area will be monitored on a yearly basis by Griffin International, Inc. The report can be seen in its entirety by contacting Health Officer Barbara MacDonald.

2004 Sutton Health Officer on site inspections included:

- (6) Failed septic system verifications.
- (2) Septic system tank replacements
- (2) Inspections concerning suspicious liquid run off from residential properties.
- (1) Inspection of a child care facility.
- (1) Inspection of an outhouse and dumping pit.
- (1) Road side inspection of an abandoned mobile home.
- (1) Inspection of an old house that is being demolished.
- (1) Inspection of a rental home that had alleged health and safety issues.
- (1) Inspection of the Kearsarge Regional High School.

Additional tasks included:

- Investigated a complaint of a foul odor from a sink at a rental apartment.
- Investigated a complaint related to an alleged unlicensed septic hauler.
- Referred caller to information regarding household wells.
- Referred caller to the Selectmen's Office regarding a beaver dam.
- Prepared letters and numerous telephone conversations with agents of DES.
- Reviewed health related articles and letters from the NH Department of Health and Human Services, DES and CDC and other health related organizations.
- Reviewed and consulted with the New London Health Officer concerning the Griffin International, Inc Report.

The Town Health Officer acts as a referral agent to the citizens of the Town concerning public health and safety issues.

For their assistance and support in the performance of my duties I would like to thank Code Enforcement Officer" Buzz "Call, Fire Chief Darrel Palmer, Administrative Assistant Elly Phillips, The Police and Highway Departments, and Deputy Health Officer, David Burnham.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. MacDonald
Health Officer

Town of Sutton

Overseer of Welfare Report 2004

The welfare budget was in a healthy state as of December 31, 2004. Fewer qualified applicants meant less money spent from our budget.

In addition to fewer applicants, the generosity of the town folks played an important part in maintaining a fluid budget. The Homesteaders collected food and gift certificates for the needy. In addition a resident suggested canned goods in lieu of a hostess gift for a holiday party. Creative ideas help to stretch the welfare budget and are real contributions for the needy.

A special "worthy cause" account listed in the welfare budget has been set up to help with emergencies. Checks made out to the Welfare Department can go directly into this account and be made available for medicine or assistance not normally covered by Town Welfare.

The State has produced a new set of guidelines which are currently being worked into our framework of qualifications. A more realistic scale of payments for heat, rent and other amenities have been laid out by the state and as overseer, I am incorporating these amounts into our payment schedule.

Sutton has no low income housing and it is not considered a "welfare town". Our budget is relatively small by comparison to our neighbor towns. If, at the end of the year it is not used it goes back into the general funds of the town. Our '04 direct assistance budget was \$9000.00. We spent \$6678.12 of the money (about 74%). But there is an important note; we have to have enough money in the budget to cover any qualified applicants. So while we are return to the general fund the 74% unspent monies, we will again ask for at least the same budgeted amount for 2005. This is not the best way to run a department, but I don't see any other possibility.

Checks for disbursement are prepared Friday morning and are signed by the Selectmen on Monday night during the meetings. Please keep this in mind when preparing to apply for assistance. If I cannot schedule an immediate appointment, you will be scheduled within three days. Welfare appointments are now held in the Town Hall although the scheduling is from my home. The telephone number is 927-4176.

I try to keep my eyes open, but by law am not able to solicit applicants. If you know of someone who has needs, let me know or talk to them about getting help. Life is too short to constantly endure stress due to low finances. We help where we can.

Respectfully submitted:

Courtney Haase, Overseer of Welfare

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging Report 2004

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc. (COA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of providing needed programs and services for area citizens over the age of 55, and for adults of any age who, through disability, may need assistance. Its service area includes the towns of Andover, Danbury, Grantham, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. When contrasted with other senior centers in New Hampshire, COA is quite unique. Membership is free, and there are no program or activities fees except for cost-recovery fees for day and overnight trips. At the end of 2004, COA had approximately 200 members.

As reported last year, COA moved into its regional headquarters building at 37 Pleasant Street in New London on December 1, 2003. During 2004, COA'S staff and volunteers have devoted a great deal of time and effort to expanding and improving COA'S activities, programs and services, much of which was made possible by the acquisition of this building. For instance, we are now able to offer the use of a "lending inventory" of medical accessories such as crutches, walkers, wheel chairs, etc. Once again, COA takes this opportunity to thank all individuals, businesses and other contributors for making it possible for us to purchase this wonderful building and for establishing an endowment for its maintenance.

Currently COA has more than twenty-five (25) ongoing programs, activities and services tailored to the needs of our area seniors in a broad-gauge effort to enhance the quality of their daily lives in many ways. Overall participation increased by 15% in 2004 as compared with 2003. What many of us consider to be our most important service—providing free door-to-door transportation—continues to be well utilized. This service eases the lives of the many seniors who use it, and it is indeed critical to some as it provides the only means to get to medical appointments including those at Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Concord hospitals for such vital treatments as dialysis, radiation and chemotherapy. It also enriches the lives of those who would otherwise not be able to attend a book discussion, visit a friend or just go shopping. This vital community service is made possible by COA'S approximately 100 dedicated volunteer drivers who drove some 41,000 miles in 2004, spending some 2100 hours doing so.

All of the new and old programs and services are publicized by a monthly calendar of upcoming events in the COA Courier that is mailed each month to approximately 1700 households and businesses.

By way of changes and hoped-for improvements for the coming years, COA, late in 2004 amended its Bylaws to provide for a Board of Advisors which will meet periodically with the COA Board of Trustees offering the input of representatives from each of the nine COA towns and from many other regional organizations in an ongoing effort to provide our senior population with needed enrichment for their lives.

COA appreciates very much the annual grants by which each town supports its work. COA would also like to acknowledge all of the individual, business, civic organizations and foundations that respond so generously to COA'S annual appeal for operating funds and cooperate in so many ways to co-sponsor programs and services. COA considers it a privilege to serve all of its communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Chapin
Chairman

Community Action Program Report 2004

As you are perhaps aware, Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. generates funds through the mobilization of available federal, state and local monies. Support for the local area center is derived from a combination of federal appropriations and local tax dollars. The following summary provides a brief description of services and the number of Sutton residents who participated in them.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD Program is a nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under six years of age, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth of their baby. Value \$22.00 per unit. *(An individual may not be enrolled in both the WIC Program and CSFP but a family may have members on both programs.)

PACKAGES--14	PERSONS--2	\$ 308.00
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CONGREGATE MEALS- All elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/ Senior Centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value \$6.72 per meal.

MEALS--305	PERSONS--29	\$ 2,049.00
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EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES provide up to five days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$5.00 per meal.

MEALS--2190	PERSONS--219	\$10,950.00
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FUEL ASSISTANCE is available to income eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit for the 2003-04 program was \$506.00.

APPLICATIONS--31	PERSONS--67	\$16,308.15
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TRANSPORTATION provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack Counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites. Value \$8.67 per ridership.

RIDES--188	PERSONS--5	\$ 1,629.96
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MEALS-ON-WHEELS provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value \$6.59 per meal.

MEALS--415	PERSONS-- 9	\$ 2,734.85
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WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$42.73per unit.

VOUCHERS--70	PERSONS—6	\$ 2,984.10
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THE FIXIT PROGRAM mobilizes volunteers, especially skilled occupations such as plumbers and electricians, to assist elderly clients with small household repairs.

CLIENTS--3	JOBS -- 6	\$ 377.12
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GRAND TOTAL SERVICES		\$37,341.78
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Report of the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association 2004

As a health service organization, a primary responsibility of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and affiliates is to respond to changing community needs for home health and hospice care. We must continually "re-invent" ourselves in response to changes in regulations, provider reimbursement and best clinical practice standards so we can bring you value for your dollar as a member town of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association.



This year has been a memorable one for Lake Sunapee Region VNA in so many ways that we are referring to it as a "renaissance", a rebirth. Over the past several years we adapted to changes in Medicare reimbursement, inadequate Medicaid reimbursement, changes in clinical practice, shortages of nursing personnel, three-fold increases in insurance costs and increased technology demands. With 80% of our costs related to salaries and benefits it became essential to look for ways to reduce overhead. One way to control costs was to invest in our own building.

This spring, guided by the Board of Trustees and with a great deal of support from the greater community, we were able to purchase a building. Our new office, The Halsey Building, will meet our needs for many years and will help ensure the availability of exceptional home health and hospice services in our community. Necessary building renovations were supported by generous gifts from individuals who believe in the mission of Lake Sunapee Region VNA.

Recently, Friends of the VNA opened The Renaissance Shoppe in the lower level of our building at 107 Newport Road in New London. These volunteers created the shop to raise funds and to raise awareness of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Quality furniture, estate pieces, glassware, china, jewelry and more generously donated by people in our area who may be moving or downsizing will be sold with all proceeds to benefit the VNA. Donors will, of course, receive documentation for tax purposes.

Support from the town of Sutton makes a difference in the lives of your friends and neighbors for whom Lake Sunapee Region VNA provides care. The number of individuals and families who are uninsured or underinsured is rising. Currently, Medicaid reimburses at about 55-60% of what it costs to provide care. There has been no adjustment in Medicaid rates since 1999. Looking to the future, we expect Medicare reimbursement to decrease as the Federal Government tries to ensure solvency of the Medicare program and a continued problem with Medicaid funding due to State budget challenges.

Your town appropriation dollars help us to provide medically necessary care to residents of Sutton. Town support also helps cover costs of things like medications and equipment for hospice patients; care for newborns and children, bereavement support for families of hospice patients for the year following the death of a loved one and bereavement support groups for adults and for children in our local schools. We are grateful for this support because it helps bridge the gap between reimbursement and our costs. Town support and our other fund-raising efforts allow us to continue our mission to keep people healthy and independent at home for as long as that is feasible.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA also offers many services either at no charge or with some subsidy from insurance plans to residents of the town including:

- Parent Child Program
- Well Child Clinics
- Hospice Volunteer Training
- Blood pressure and other screenings
- Home Telemonitoring to prevent unplanned hospitalizations and help patients learn self care
- Administration of the Lifeline program
- Storage space and distribution for the Kearsarge Area Food Pantry
- Speaker's Bureau for local organizations and churches
- Health Fairs
- Kearsarge Community Christmas project
- Educational programs on chronic illness and advance care planning
- File of Life and emergency information for each patient admitted to service
- Caregiver Support Groups

This year more than 191 residents of Sutton used one or more of the services offered by Lake Sunapee Region VNA. Services included 289

home care visits and 26 hospice visits for adults and children, 229 hours in long-term care services, and over 139 immunizations. In addition, 5 residents used our Lifeline program, 5 residents used our home tele-monitoring program and 10 residents attended our support programs including parent child program, caregiver support and bereavement support.

The Board of Trustees, the staff and our volunteers join me in expressing our appreciation for your support and your confidence in the work of Lake Sunapee Region VNA. We welcome the opportunity to bring care and services to residents of the town of Sutton.

Andrea Steel
President and CEO

Report of the Sutton Free Library 2004

We're sure we just wrote the report for 2003, and here we go again already! Our spring program was titled "Literary Portraits of New England" and was well attended.

The children's summer program was presented by Karla Salathe and featured local "Heroes" – firefighters, police and rescue volunteers as well as military veterans. We're hoping Karla will be available again this year. She did a great job, and the kids loved it.



The Sutton Kindergarten is coming to the library every other Thursday morning this year – it's never too early to get them interested in reading.

If possible, we would like to have the parking area redone this year; it is really the worse for wear.

Thanks go to Becky Harrington for refinishing our sign, and also to our contributors and donors.

Please come and visit, we have much to offer.

Library hours are:

Monday, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Library trustees

Kathleen Chadwick, Chair

Judy Bohn

Beth Cernek

Becky Harrington

Fay Pugliese

Carrie Thomas

Jeanette Couch, Librarian

TOWN OF SUTTON, NH

Special Revenue Fund - Sutton Free Library

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

All amounts are expressed in American Dollars

	Town General <u>Fund</u>	Library <u>Accounts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues			
Adult Programs		30.00	30.00
Interest Income		5.21	5.21
Gifts, Contributions & Fundraising		205.50	205.50
General Fund	6,776.24	10,000.00	16,776.24
Trust Funds		706.17	706.17
	<u>6,776.24</u>	<u>10,946.88</u>	<u>17,723.12</u>
Expenditures			
Salaries and Benefits	6,776.24		6,776.24
Reimbursement		178.29	178.29
Postage		29.60	29.60
Advertising		16.00	16.00
Books and Magazines		2,883.87	2,883.87
Programs expenses		172.93	172.93
Scholarship		200.00	200.00
Building Maintenance		7,678.94	7,678.94
	<u>6,776.24</u>	<u>11,159.63</u>	<u>17,935.87</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(212.75)	(212.75)
Fund Balance - January 1		<u>6,263.30</u>	<u>6,263.30</u>
Fund Balance - December 31		<u><u>6,050.55</u></u>	<u><u>6,050.55</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Harrington, Library Treasurer

Report of the Sutton Historical Society 2004

The Sutton Historical Society had a very productive and rewarding year during 2004 made possible by our enthusiastic and hard working Board of Directors. Membership continues to grow, currently there are 230 members. We invite anyone interested in the history of the Perrystown/Sutton area to join this organization.

The Sutton Historical Society maintains several historic buildings: the South Sutton Meeting House (site of the Old Home Day celebration), the Old School House, a portion of the Blue House, where the Society has its office, the Camp Bueno Counselors' Cabin and Lighthouse on Kezar Lake.

Programs included the annual Pot-Luck Dinner, several educational walks through the villages, Old Home Day, open houses of the historic buildings to enable the public to enjoy the exhibits and the annual meeting featuring Laura Scott, the Principal Planner with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. Laura's topic, "Historic Districts and Heritage Trails" was interesting and enthusiastically received, as were her answers to questions posed after her formal speech. The Society is proud to have been able to award two educational scholarships to Sutton graduating seniors. We plan to provide this opportunity annually.

Several oral history interviews have been recorded from life-long residents of Sutton providing valuable insight into the evolution and progress of Sutton, as we know it today. A new book is underway.

The Archive Committee had another good year with document acquisition and preservation, processing a treasure-trove of documents received through contributions.

The Society has undertaken to promote and support the Town History Project. It has made a long-term commitment, which will cover many years, to see this project through to completion. We began last March by hosting history sessions every Wednesday in March and then every third Wednesday of each month. We are very fortunate to have Carlton Bradford and Jack Noon conducting these sessions. We have covered the fundamentals of how research is conducted and have had many entertaining evenings hearing from various residents and other speakers on a number of subjects, including World War II, the camps which were on the various lakes in Sutton, baseball, etc. We continue to hold these meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. in the Baptist Church in North Sutton. We encourage everyone to come and listen and participate.

Many of our attendees have volunteered to research various subjects for the Town History, and research has already started. We encourage everyone in Sutton to make his or her contribution to this project. Though the Society is pleased to be promoting, supporting and coordinating this project, it is not necessary to be a member to make a contribution. This Town belongs to all of its residents, and we hope as many of you as possible will come forward to work with us.

Jack Noon has agreed to write this history. He has already substantially completed what will become the first chapter. It covers the period of 1749-1784 when Sutton was called "Perrystown". All of the board members and officers of the Society are excited about this project, and we hope you will be too. Obviously, a project of such large proportions requires significant funding, as well as our time and energy. In this connection, we plan to host monthly fundraising events. Please look for the events in your newspapers and on the Town's Website. We look forward to seeing you at these events and to working with you on this very special project.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Meyer, President

Youth Recreational Programs 2004

In 2004, Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Youth Sports provided team-based athletic opportunities for 260* of our area youth. Our spring baseball/softball programs and our fall soccer program were both successful with many enthusiastic participants. BNSYS also hosts summer soccer camps, staffed by professional athletes from Major League Soccer.

BNSYS participated in the Bradford Fourth of July celebration by opening the Brown-Shattuck snack shack and serving grilled burgers and hot dogs to the hungry midway visitors. BNSYS also hosted a golf tournament in the fall that was supported by many corporately sponsored teams. Along with game-day sales from our snack shacks, these events are our major fund-raisers. BNSYS is fortunate to have wonderful facilities available to us. Warren Brook Park, where our Babe Ruth Baseball and soccer games are played, is owned by the organization. Our baseball and softball games for the younger children are played on the field at the Bradford Elementary School and Brown-Shattuck Park in Bradford. BNSYS maintains all of the facilities used during our seasons.

Upcoming projects and major purchases for this year will include:

- Installation of our new snack shack at Warren Brook Park
- Purchase and installation of a new batting cage at Warren Brook Park
- Purchase of two new large soccer goals to run consecutive 5/6 grade games as needed
- Begin work on new softball/tee ball field at Warren Brook Park

BNSYS is a volunteer organization that relies heavily on community support. This past year that support came from a core group of individuals, families and businesses. As our youth participation continues to grow with new families in the area, we look forward to reaching out to expand this volunteer effort in 2005. Our current Board of Directors includes Joe Torro, Anne Holmes, Diane Gadoury, Tina Desfosses, Chris Way, Jennifer Iacopino and Steve Patten.

Participating children: 112 Bradford; 98 Newbury; 50 Sutton

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Torro, President

Sutton Recreation Program

The Sutton Recreation Association holds Red Cross swim lessons each year at Wadleigh State Park. Fifty four children participated during a four-week period during the summer of 2004. The cost of insurance to run the program is very high. Town Funds appropriated for the program were used to offset our insurance expense. We are grateful to the townspeople for their support. It is through your generous funding that we are able to continue this valuable service.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Thompson

Report of New London Hospital 2004

New London Hospital is very grateful to our community for the strong support you have given the hospital in 2004! Because of you, our physicians, staff and Board leadership, the hospital is back on track and continuing its work to provide excellence in patient care.



Capable. Caring. Close.

We are pleased to share the notable achievements of our past fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2004.

- The quality of our patient care has been formally recognized as excellent by state surveys, our scores on patient satisfaction surveys and three national studies.
- We have added or expanded clinical services offered to the community, including: Neurosurgery, Mobile Lithotripsy, Mental Health, the Hospitalist Program, Outpatient Oncology Services, and a Coumadin Clinic.
- Three new primary care physicians joined the staff to provide improved access to primary care.
- Our 24/7 ambulance service continues to serve the community with financial support from all seven towns.
- The Emergency Department is staffed 24/7 with board-certified emergency room physicians who have formed a local physician practice, Kearsarge Valley Emergency Physicians, to serve our patients.
- The Clough Center, our extended care facility, expanded its skilled nursing services for patients who no longer require acute care yet are not able to return home or to an assisted living facility.
- For the first time in six years the hospital ended its fiscal year with a modest gain from operations.
- Gifts to the 2004 Annual Fund—used to support clinical programs and purchase medical equipment—were 52% higher than in 2003.
- New London Hospital Auxiliary presented the hospital with a gift in the amount of \$94,000 as a result of its fundraising activities.

These accomplishments represent extraordinary effort on the part of many people working together.

We especially thank you, the community, for your confidence and loyalty.

G. William Helm, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Bruce P. King
President & CEO

UNH Cooperative Extension Report 2004

One in four New Hampshire residents took advantage of at least one University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension program last year.

Our programs offer informal education in forest stewardship, parenting, family finances, food safety, agriculture, home gardening, 4-H (including clubs, camps and after school programs) for children and teens, nutrition education for low income families, strategic planning and leadership development skills for community groups.

County extension educators work extensively with towns and school districts – organizing and advising after-school programs, helping school and town groundskeepers maintain athletic fields and landscaped areas, providing guidance to town planners and boards on current use and other land use issues. Because studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, extension staff provides education to forest landowners and commercial farmers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, while preserving open space and protecting natural resources.

Merrimack County Extension provides fact sheet notebooks to all town libraries and produces monthly “Coffee Chat” radio segments which offer information to residents throughout the station’s listening area.

UNH Cooperative Extension’s Strengthening Communities Initiatives offers community leaders, grassroots organizers and community development specialists an opportunity for professional growth.

UNH Cooperative Extension operates a statewide toll-free Info Line at our Family, Home & Garden Education Center, staffed Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (1-877-398-4769). Last year, the Info Line handled more than 1,000 requests from Merrimack County residents. Extension also distributes a wide range of information from our Web site: www.extension.unh.edu.

Finally, UNH Cooperative Extension trains and supports a large corps of volunteers: 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, parent mentors and others who extend the reach of Extension programs into many domains of New Hampshire life. If volunteer opportunities interest you, please call Merrimack County Extension office at 225-5505 or 796-2151, or stop by the office at 315 Daniel Webster Highway in Boscawen next to the County Nursing Home on Route 3.

Marriages Recorded for the Town of Sutton

for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date of Marriage Place of Marriage	Name of Groom Name of Bride	Residence of Groom Residence of Bride
April 3, 2004 Contoocook, NH	Earl Gilbert Spurlock Brenda Lee Coutu	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
June 5, 2004 Hanover, NH	Heath A Edgecomb Jennifer L. Rhodes	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
June 5, 2004 Laconia	Joseph Thomas Conlon Heidi Dawn Whitman	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
August 14, 2004 New London	Stephen David Bursey Alicea Anne Carlstad	Sutton, NH Orrs Island, ME
August 21, 2004 North Sutton	Thomas E. Erickson Elizabeth A. Albee	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
August 29, 2004 Enfield	Timothy Bryan Lamb Tanya Elaine Howard	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
September 5, 2004 Sutton	Seth Burnham Rebekah Sarah Allen	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA
September 11, 2004 Sutton	Richard H. Churchill Diane S. Rosewood	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
September 11, 2004 New London	Benjamin Frank Curless Elizabeth Anne Gregory	Claremont, NH Claremont, NH
September 25, 2004 Wilmot	James Lowell O'Connor Diana Marie Risco	Redondo Beach, CA Redondo Beach, CA
October 2, 2004 New London	Paul M. Little Mili A. Alefaio	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
November 6, 2004 Wilmot	Ronald A Murray Marion T. Kelly	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
November 25, 2004 Sutton	Brian John Wright Bonnie Bowlby Struckhoff	Sutton, NH Sutton, NH
December 31, 2004 Springfield	Michael A. Olin Sandra B. Colby	Sutton, NH Wolfeboro, NH

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Haines
Town Clerk

Births Recorded in the Town of Sutton

for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date of Birth Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father Name of Mother
February 2, 2004 Claremont, NH	Jamson Paul Sucharzewski	Paul Sucharzewski Tabetha Scranton
March 21, 2004 Concord, NH	Owen Gregory Hearne	Robert Hearne Jessica Hearne
March 26, 2004 Lebanon, NH	Elizabeth Hale Clark	Andrew Clark Holly Tatum
May 19, 2004 Concord, NH	Devin Sharon Phyllides	Christopher Phyllides Ellen Phyllides
May 19, 2004 Concord, NH	Caroline Stewart Camp	Nathan Camp Elizabeth Camp
June 11, 2004 Lebanon, NH	Evan John Cote	William Cote Tracey Cote
June 30, 2004 Lebanon, NH	Eliza Lewis Cardillo	Joseph Cardillo Megan Cardillo
August 03, 2004 Concord, NH	Evan Bailey Lombard	Kyle Lombard Kirsten Lombard
August 27, 2004 Concord, NH	Kalob Adam Chapman	Adam Chapman Sindee Chapman
September 20, 2004 Lebanon, NH	Valerie Shreve Soule	Shreve Soule Anne Soule
November 7, 2004 Lebanon, NH	Kristin Elizabeth Palmer	Darrel Palmer Elizabeth Palmer
December 21, 2004 Concord, NH	Xander Cole Leslie	Jason Leslie Nicole Leslie

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Haines
Town Clerk

Deaths Recorded in the Town of Sutton

for the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date of Death Place of Death	Name of Deceased	State of Residence
January 18, 2004 Lebanon, NH	Mary Smith	Sutton, NH
March 31, 2004 Sutton, NH	Mary Butler	Sutton, NH
April 20, 2004 Sutton, NH	Charles Verda	Sutton, NH
June 2, 2004 Sunapee, NH	James Bridges	Sutton, NH
November 15, 2004 Lebanon, NH	Michele Shufelt	Sutton, NH
December 25, 2004 Sutton, NH	Charlotte Goldthwait	Sutton, NH

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Haines
Town Clerk

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- Visit our special online history page: www.maryland.gov/onlinehistory
- Contact your favorite volunteer group: Maryland's Forests for the Future, Baltimore County Citizens and Farmers, or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Call at 800-276-2751 or 410-326-7275.
- Learn more about MDC forestry jobs including the career development program, MDC's Tree Corps, and the MDC Forestry Academy for Livestock Control. Visit www.mdc.state.md.us for more and to request a resume, such as, and Timber Training.
- Visit the reference library in the Tree Hall. Your reference will include information on Forest Management Plan, www.mdc.state.md.us, and the Forest Management Plan.
- Cost: Free. Duration: 2 hours. Location: and

Please do not hang up!

Notes

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Are you considering logging your land in Sutton?

The Sutton Conservation Commission reminds owners of forest land that your timber is a valuable asset. Be wary of unsolicited offers to log your land or buy timber. Before you have your property logged, we *strongly* recommend you:

- Hire a licensed professional **forester** to represent your financial interests and to protect the long-term health and productivity of your woodlot.
- Obtain a good written timber harvesting **contract**.
- Learn more about current **wood markets** and prices.
- Obtain **free** forestry **advice** from Merrimack County Cooperative Extension. County Forester, Tim Fleury will arrange to visit your woodlot. Please call Tim at (603) 796-2151 or 225-5505.
- Learn more about NH **forestry laws** including: the Intent to Cut permit, the NH Timber Yield Tax, Wetlands permits, Best Management Practices for Erosion Control, Basal Area law for Stream and Shoreland Protection zones, Slash laws and Timber Trespass laws.
- Visit the resource library in the Town Hall. **Free fact sheets** include an excellent publication entitled: *Selling Timber? Do It Right!* Other publications include information on: Forest Management Plans, Marking Boundaries, Logging Contracts, Best Management Practices, Timber Harvesting Laws, Cost-Share Programs, Licensed Foresters and Certified Loggers in NH.

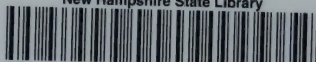
A timber tax monitor reviews Intent to Cut permits and visits timber harvests in Sutton as necessary to insure accurate reporting of timber yields.

NH Division of Forests & Lands inspecting foresters visit logging operations to insure compliance with NH timber harvesting laws and to respond to complaints of timber law violations. Call (603) 271-2217.

Proper timber harvesting provides multiple benefits: income, improved habitat, trails, views, and long-term forest health. Uncontrolled, exploitive cutting results in lost revenue, environmental degradation, public resentment and legal liability.

**Your forest has been growing for many years.
It will continue to increase in value over time.
A timber sale should be an informed decision.
Please do your homework!**

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